



## James Albert Wilkinson

March 14, 1970 - August 5, 2021

James Albert Wilkinson, 51, of Mooresville, NC passed away at home on Thursday, August 5, 2021 to be with his Heavenly Father.

He was born on March 14, 1970 in Iron Station, NC, son of Raymond Lawrence Wilkinson and wife Ann and the late Mary Ellen Smith Ballard.

He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Ellen Smith Ballard, his stepfather Bub Ballard, and sister, Kim Russell.

James was a dedicated employee of Altec for over 21 years as a hydraulic technician. Where he gained lots of bothers who loved and cared for him.

Prior to working at Altec, he also worked at Pike and Caterpillar. He had many hobbies which included dirt bike riding, four wheeling, flying drones, riding his Harley, driving remote control boats and cars, target shooting, and many others. He was a genuine man who loved life and never met a stranger.

Most importantly he loved his family and will forever be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother, papaw, uncle, and friend.

James was always proud of his work for Altec and always placed his work and customers first. He was always dedicated to the company that took care of him and always family first.

He leaves a lasting legacy to be cherished by his survivors, his partner in life for 21 years and wife of 16 years, Melanie Hightower Wilkinson; by father, Raymond Wilkinson and wife, Ann of Iron Station, NC; daughters, Lynzee Magliulo and husband Michael of Hermitage, TN, Harleigh Monaghan and her boyfriend Andrew Maidon of Sanford, NC and her sister Rhonda Monaghan of

Charlotte, NC, and Aleigha Wilkinson and his girls were of the source of his pride his first granddaughter, Ocean Pearl Magliulo; brother, Chris Ballard of Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Rhonda Blackwood of Hickory, NC, Cammy Gamble and husband Mike of Mooresboro, NC, and Crystal Mitchell and husband Mike of Chesnee, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

On a personal note, Altec has always been a family to James and I. The techs, the owners, supervisors were his family. And they are mine and I will forever be thankful to call them, my family, my friends, and my brothers and sisters. A special thanks to ED and John Low for your outpouring love and support. And to all the others who took time to help and reach out with love and support.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 27 at 2pm with a visitation to follow immediately afterward at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Wilkinson family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

**AUG 27.** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I have worked with James for many years. He always provided great service but more importantly he became a good friend. He was very dedicated to his work. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure to have known him.

Keith Smith  
Duke Energy  
Fairfax Garage

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Keith Smith - August 29, 2021 at 11:46 AM

NS

“ Melanie and girls,  
We are deeply saddened by the loss of James. You all are in our prayers for comfort and peace. We are thinking of y'all today as we are unable to be with you due to quarantine at this time. Continuing prayers for all. RIP James 🙏

Nancy and Smitty Smithson

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Nancy and Smitty Smithson - August 27, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Albert Wilkinson.



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August 25, 2021 at 04:39 PM

PT

“ *Melanie,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss and your own illness. I send love  
and prayers for your healing and as JAMES travels on his journey  
home. God bless you and your family. -Patti Tiberi*

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**Patti Tiberi** - August 24, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for  
the family of James Albert Wilkinson.*



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August 24, 2021 at 02:05 AM

LP

“ *So sorry for your loss, James was a awesome technician, and was  
so kind to offer insight to help with troubleshooting equipment over  
the phone. I'm forever grateful for the opportunity to gain some  
knowledge from him while at Altec, he will be greatly missed by all  
of us. God Speed Sir!*

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**Lee Parker** - August 23, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family  
of James Albert Wilkinson.*



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August 23, 2021 at 05:27 PM

AE

“ Angie Ellard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Albert Wilkinson.



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**Angie Ellard** - August 23, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Albert Wilkinson.



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August 23, 2021 at 06:12 AM

KM

“ We will miss your smiling face James! And Buddy says he misses working with you at CAT and riding motorcycles with you. Rest in peace dear friend.

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**Kim and Buddy McDaniel** - August 21, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MS

“ The first time I met James he immediately reminded me of my dad. They were so similar so I considered him a second dad. He will always be one of my fav people <3

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**Mckenzie Suggs** - August 21, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Albert Wilkinson.*



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August 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Albert Wilkinson.*



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August 21, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *I met James through the off-roading forums probably 20-25 years ago, shortly after several of us organized a ride in WV, from the first time I road with James we hit it off, he loved to ride just as much as I did and he was a great rider as well as just an all around great guy! We have remained good friends ever since day one, James always had a firm handshake and a big hug waiting when we met up for a ride and he was always wearing his great smile when we were out on the trails. James was an honest hard working man who loved his family and friends and I'm proud to say he was my friend, he will be missed dearly by all of us in his off-roading family for sure! Rest In Peace old buddy until we meet again!*

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**Jesse Lawson** - August 21, 2021 at 02:54 PM