



James Price Gent

October 10, 1963 - November 10, 2020

James Price Gent, age 57, passed away peacefully in his sleep November 10, 2020 after a long illness. James was born on the 10th day of the 10th month and weighed 10 pounds to J Stewart and Julie Gent in Houston, TX. His childhood was a happy one growing up in the Westridge area of Houston.

James was a lifelong sports fan, and grew up going to many Astros, Rockets, and even Houston Oilers games. But his favorite team was his beloved Cowboys that he followed closely through the years. He parlayed his love of football, great agility, and large countenance into a football scholarship to Marian Christian Catholic High School in Houston, TX.

James had a lifelong passion for service—he would often mention that it was one of his “spiritual gifts.” He was particularly proud of the years he devoted as an employee at Astroworld, which led to his ongoing career in the restaurant industry. He also served as a freelance restaurant consultant and technical writer. One of his proudest accomplishments was a song that was composed and published as a vocal solo taken from a eulogy he wrote for and named after his beloved dog, “Emily Morgan Gent”, and later a choral setting was produced from this song and text.

But James felt that his greatest accomplishment was his only child, Jared Baxter Gent, whom he loved with a gentleness and pride few could equal.

Like himself, he loved large and when Jared was three years old, he met the girl he was to spend the next 20 years with, Keira Knecht. There was a connection right away, and the minute they met and he found out that she was a classically trained soprano, he lightly touched her hair and said without hesitation, "I think I'm in love."

James also struggled with mental illness and depression and like many of those without resources, he treated his illness through self-medication. Thankfully, he was to finally conquer the struggle with addiction that lasted through a lot of his adult life. His battle came to a head in the early 2000's and although he tried many programs and went into and out of recovery, not until he was introduced to Celebrate Recovery did he experience a conversion and what was to become his saving grace. Upon completion of Celebrate Recovery and entering full sobriety, he entered RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and in 2014 fulfilled his dream of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. James was also further moved by his experiences with the ACTS retreats--and this experience had a profound effect on him as well. He credits his sobriety with a life in Christ and the continued comfort of receiving the Eucharist.

James is survived by his partner, Keira Nell Knecht, his son Jared Baxter Gent and his girlfriend Rachel Schwartz, his mother Julie Enna Gent, and his sister Joellen Gent and her husband Bill White and their sons Liam Porter White and Aidan Christopher Gent, another sister, Melissa and her husband Addam Walker and family. He is preceded in death by his father J Stewart (Gent) Alteapor, and grandparents Sam and Judy Stringfellow and Frank Howard Weidman, Jr. and James and Almeda Gent.

A funeral mass will be held for James on December 4, 2020 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church at 1:30pm.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of James Price Gent please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 4. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *James Price Gent*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Price Gent*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Price Gent*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Price Gent*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy with our prayers to Julie, Keira, Joellen & Bill, and all of the family. Although as neighbors I probably was around James earlier, my memories of him start when he was about 4 years old. The Gent family was always so kind to our family. Thankful for your lifelong friendship. Cherish your memories of James and experience God's grace of comfort in the future. Larry & Jan Williams.*

Larry Williams - December 04, 2020 at 02:49 PM

LJ

“ LOVE, MARY & JON, ANGIE & FAMILY, MARK & JAN purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James Price Gent.



LOVE, MARY & JON, ANGIE & FAMILY, MARK & JAN -
December 03, 2020 at 11:00 AM

PH

“ Phil & Sunni Hosemann purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of James Price Gent.



Phil & Sunni Hosemann - December 02, 2020 at 01:46 PM

MW

“ Much Love Patty and David Wirfs purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James Price Gent.



Much Love Patty and David Wirfs - December 01, 2020 at 09:48 PM

HA

“ I enjoyed meeting James price Gant going to be missed my parents liked him too he was a fun guy to be around Harold T. Joseph and The Joseph family

Haroldtjoseph1@gmail.com - December 01, 2020 at 09:32 PM

HA

*James price Gant is in a better place now no more pain*HaroldT.Joseph

Haroldtjoseph1@gmail.com - December 01, 2020 at 09:34 PM

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James Price GANT is in a better place now and in a better place now
Harold T.joseph

Haroldtjoseph1@gmail.com - December 01, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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My Friend Missi liked him too

Haroldtjoseph1@gmail.com - December 01, 2020 at 10:31 PM

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Please pray for Jered and family members

Haroldtjoseph1@gmail.com - December 01, 2020 at 10:34 PM

ME

“ I became acquainted with James sometime in the early 80s, after his mother and I became lifelong friends. James and I spoke a number of times over the years. What I will remember most about James is that no matter what was going on in his life, even in times when he was facing personal struggles, he almost always had caring, kind and uplifting words for me. Not many people can do that, especially when in the midst of personal adversity. My deepest sympathy goes out to Keira, the Gent family and all those whose lives were touched by James Price Gent.



Melanie - November 29, 2020 at 08:03 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Melanie - November 29, 2020 at 08:00 AM

AE

“ I was fortunate to meet James during an ACTS retreat back in 2014. Without going into detail, we shared a spiritual moment that made a lasting impression on me and that I will never forget. Thank you James. May you rest in the peace of Christ!!!

Alan Engberg - November 20, 2020 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ Dear Keira,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you! Who knew when I asked you about James at Mass the other day that he only had a few days to live. You were a twosome. Prayers for James and you. Love, Sandy

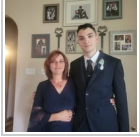
Sandra Steffes - November 19, 2020 at 08:15 AM

NT

“ I got to know James through RCIA, as we were "classmates." He never hesitated to feel deeply, and wore his great big heart on his sleeve. He found a matched partner in Keira, and they often gave (together), without abandon, of their time, efforts, and spirit. Love to Keira during this difficult time, and peace to James, who never met a stranger.

Love, Nikki Thomason

Nikki Thomason - November 18, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *My fondest memory of James was the love we both shared for the Dr. Suess book "Fox in Sox". We sat in the back of the restaurant at work reciting lines from the book. Good times.*

Gayle Flanagan - November 18, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *I will really miss you, my love. It is so weird not having you around. I love you so much, sweetheart! You can rest peacefully now, and I won't forget you. 💔*

Keira Knecht - November 18, 2020 at 04:12 PM

GR

“ *Keira,*

May the memories of James and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Peace and blessings upon you and your family.

*Respectfully,
Glorivel Rivas*

Glorivel Rivas - November 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM