



## Mr. James Ervin Byrd

July 20, 1958 - June 29, 2015

On Monday, June 29, 2015 the angel of silence came with calmness and grace and sealed the lips of Mr. James Ervin Byrd. His soul winged its flight and ascended from this world of sin, sorrow, and pain to a place of peace, tranquility, and eternal rest.

James was born July 20, 1958 in Troy, Alabama to the union of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. (Narvie) Byrd. He attended Charles Henderson High School where he played and loved football. He confessed Christ at an early age and joined Lily Missionary Baptist Church. James had a loving spirit and cared for everyone as if they were his own. He enjoyed working and being in the company of others. As a young man, he worked for Sanders Lead, Troy Highway State Department, and later moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked for Ohio State of Engineers for seventeen years. He returned back to Troy and worked shortly for the City of Troy. As a result of his failing health, he consequently had to leave the work force and received Social Security Disabilities. His hobbies included playing cards, listening to music, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was the loving father of seven children, Jamie Smiley (Moomoo), Jennifer Smiley (Rose), Stacey Smiley (Ikcie), Tracey Smiley (Lil Mama), all of Troy, AL; Crystal Tolbert, Columbus, OH; Stetson McCain, Auburn, AL; and Ashley Tolbert (Baby Girl), Troy, AL; stepchildren, Genniese Daniels, Sheri Smiley,

and Joe Tolbert, all of Troy, AL; sisters, Linda Byrd, Mary Byrd, and Connie Paul (Horace) Ballard, all of Troy, AL; Vicki Byrd, and Sheila (Dane) Kemp, both of Rochester, NY; surviving brothers, Craig (Cheryl) Byrd, Corning, NY; Felix Byrd, Cleveland, OH; Kenneth (Loretta Fuller) Byrd, Troy, AL; loving grandfather of eleven grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; several special friends, Tyrone Woods, Lionel Maddox, Elnora Sneed, Anthony and April Dawson, Derrick Thomas, Greg and Gwen McClure, and Glenda McClure; and many others that are too numerous to name.

Family and Friends Visitation for Mr. Byrd is Saturday, July 4, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Byrd are at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015, at Lily Baptist Church in Troy.. Committal Services follow at Carroll Street Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Carroll Street Cemetery

Troy, AL 36081

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 4. 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

George F. Grubbs Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 E. Madison St.  
Troy, AL  
grubbsfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<http://grubbsfuneralhome.net>

## Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lily Baptist Church  
199 Dean St.  
Troy, AL

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathryn Canty Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ervin Byrd*



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**Kathryn Canty Alexander** - July 02, 2015 at 11:19 PM

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*Praying for the Byrd Family*

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**Kathryn Canty Alexander** - July 02, 2015 at 11:20 PM

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“ *You have our most heartfelt condolences and prayers. Thank you for entrusting us with the final care of your Loved One. We are always here for you. - George F. Grubbs Funeral Home Family and Staff*

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**George F. Grubbs FH Family & Staff** - July 02, 2015 at 07:17 AM