

## Gone Too Soon

We weren't prepared for you to go  
You were too full of life to be  
Taken away from us so soon  
It's still hard to believe

How much we'll miss your smile  
And your laughter in our ears  
Your absence leaves a hole in us  
We're filling with our tears

You taught us how to be our best  
To in the moment live  
To never hold a grudge for long  
And loyal friendship give

Your presence was a light and a joy  
We never realized would someday end  
Just like the brilliant falling star  
That curved 'round heaven's bend

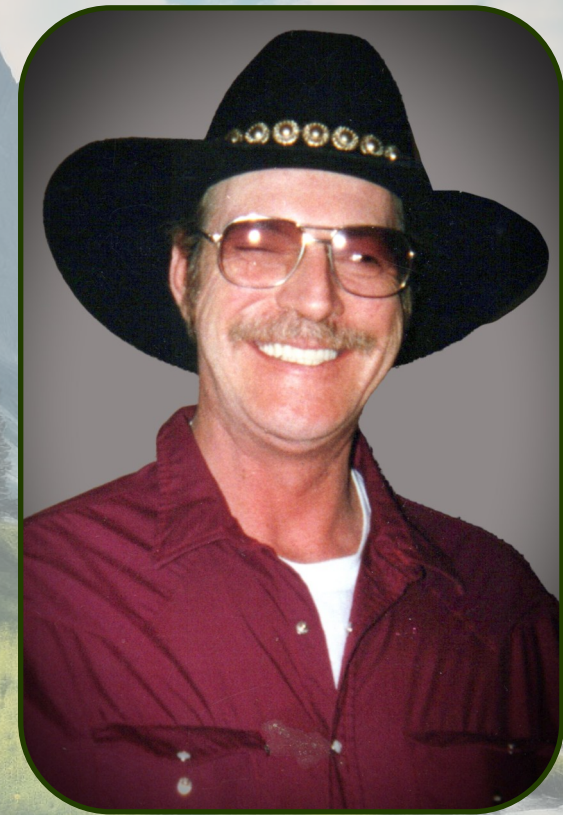
And though we cannot understand  
The reasons God took you now  
We'll do our best to accept this loss  
To carry on somehow...

Focusing on you and your joy in heaven  
More than mourning in distress  
Smiling through our falling tears  
Counting our time with you quite blessed

We will remember you forever  
For you, our hearts will always have room  
We loved you more than you will ever know  
You left us far too soon!

~Author Unknown

## *In Loving Memory of*



*James Dennis  
Culbertson*

*July 31, 1947*

*December 21, 2024*

# *James Dennis Culbertson*

James Dennis Culbertson, 77, of Sedalia, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at his home in Sedalia. He was born on July 31, 1947, on the family farm near Humansville, MO, the son of Hiram Eugene Culbertson and Lucille Mae (Comstock) Culbertson, who preceded him in death.

He lived on the farm near Humansville for the first 10 years of his life; then the family moved to a farm near Appleton City, MO, where he graduated from Appleton High School.

James had a diverse career, working in various roles from truck driver to farmer, to Tyson Foods and Walmart. He retired as a small engine repairman. In the early 2000s, he found a new passion in garden tractor pulls, building several different tractors and winning many pulling events. His love for the outdoors, his fondness for friends and family, and his affection for his cat were all part of his rich and varied life.

Jim's legacy lives on through his surviving family members, a testament to the strong bond they shared. He is survived by his sister, Betty LaRue Durham of Humansville; his brother, Edward Denton Culbertson and wife Deby of Plattsburg, MO; his companion and caregiver, Lesa Knox of Sedalia; his sister-in-law, Claudia Culbertson of Trimble, MO; his nephews, Rick Durham and Randy Durham, Gary Lee Brubeck, Jerry Culbertson, Johnny Culbertson, Edward Culbertson II, and Chad Culbertson; and his niece, Judith Ann Puls of Blue Springs, MO.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Kenneth Eugene, Clifton Lee, Jerold Russell, and Clifford Wayne; one sister, ArmaLee Brubeck; one daughter, Michelle Janae, and one niece, Sherry Mae Culbertson.

## *Celebration of Life*

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

## *Memorial Contributions*

The American Heart Association

The Shriner's Hospital for Children



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