

James was born January 10, 1956, in Amarillo to his parents, Daniel and Shirley Cahlmer DeBaere. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1974.

Throughout his life, James loved all things cars. From early Soap Box Derby races to attending NASCAR events as an adult, he had a lifelong passion for speed and auto racing of all types. His greatest regret, he often said, was selling his 1969 Z-28 Camaro — a car he truly loved.

From 1973 to 1974, James worked as a warranty clerk for Plains Chevrolet. In 1974, he began working for Montgomery Ward as a shipping and receiving clerk, where he remained for the next decade. In 1984, he started what would become a long and meaningful career with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as a Field Service Technician, a position he faithfully held until his retirement in 2017. Retirement, however, did not last long. James was not the type to enjoy “doing nothing,” so he soon began working part-time for Swagelok, where he continued working until his passing.

James enjoyed bowling, and it was through bowling that he met Sylvia Mosley. They were members of the same mixed bowling league and dated for a short time before marrying on March 30, 1991, in Las Vegas.

Together, James and Sylvia continued to enjoy bowling and shared many adventures. They spent three wonderful weeks in Hawaii and later took a memorable trip to Alaska. James’s love of travel began early in life as well, often accompanying his sister and her family—and sometimes friends—on many adventures over the years.

Above all else, James treasured the time he spent with those he loved. Whether traveling, bowling, attending races, or simply sharing stories and laughter, he valued the moments spent with family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jeffrey Wayne DeBaere; his sister Susan Elizabeth DeBaere; and his beloved Sylvia just a few short months ago, on November 2, 2025.

He is survived by his sister, Catherine “Cathy” Prosser and her husband Randy of Canyon; and by his niece and nephew Michelle Dedrick and her husband Dale and Michael Prosser and his wife Veronica all of Amarillo.

In Loving Memory of



JAMES FREDERICK DEBAERE

January 10, 1956

March 3, 2026



God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
And He found an empty space.
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful.
He only takes the best.
He knew you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you might never
Get well upon this earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you never went alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Schooler Funeral Home

Brentwood Chapel

2:00 PM

March 11, 2026

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dale Moreland

The Church at Quail Creek

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alex Dedrick

Zachary Dedrick

Jason McClanahan

Joe Joe McClanahan

Jaske Prosser