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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
James A. Porter

Sunrise
October 2, 1953

Sunset
September 26, 2021

Services

Saturday, October 2, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
1616 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Father Tang Zam Liam Pau "Titus" - Officiating

Obituary

James Alex (Jimmy) Porter was born October 2, 1953 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was raised in a Catholic family by his parents Frank and Ellen Kimbrough in Elkhart, Indiana along with his eleven siblings.

James attended Elkhart Central High School where he played football and was a star athlete in track and field. James broke many records in track that to this day have not been broken. After graduation, he attended Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin in Racine, Wisconsin. James pledged with fifteen of his brothers to Phi Eta Psi fraternity and crossed over at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana on February 15, 1975.

James made his permanent home in Oklahoma in 1977, where he met and married Brenda Cruel (deceased), his wife of twenty five years. To this union, they raised 3 children; Chris England, Taja Egert, and Angele Porter-Heckman (deceased). On August 19, 2006, James married Joan Driggers.

James was an easy-going, hard-working, good-humored family man. In 1977, Jimmy began his career at General Motors. Later, he started at Remington Park where he worked for 15 years before finishing his career at General Materials. His contagious laugh and calming smile will truly be missed by all.

James is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ellen Kimbrough and brothers; Thomas Kimbrough, Willis Porter and Willie Atkinson.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: wife, Joanie, of fifteen years; son, Chris England; daughter, Taja Egert; grandchildren, Madeleine Heckman and Alex and Javier DiFrancesco; brothers, Eddie Kimbrough, John Porter, Paul Porter, Sumpter Riley; sisters, Marva Harris, Eula Woods, Donna Todd, Debra Dotson, Vera Taylor, Amy Gilbert; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends from all across the country.



Nothing Gold Can Stay

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief.
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

Order of Service

The casket of James is sprinkled with Holy Water. A white garment drapes the casket. These symbolize the completion of baptismal grace at death. Religious objects are placed on top of the casket as reminders of James' faith and worship of the Lord. Incense is used as a sign of the Holy spirit in our midst and as a symbol of our prayers ascending to Heaven.

Opening Hymn	. Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name
The Opening Prayer	..... Father Titus
Old Testament Reading	..... Wisdom 4:7-5
Responsorial Psalm	..... Psalm 23
New Testament Reading	..... Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Acclamation	
Gospel Reading	..... Matthew 11:25-30
Homily	..... Father Titus
Eulogy	..... Donna Todd
Presentation of gifts	..... Father Titus
Eucharistic Prayer & Celebration	
	Holy, Holy, Holy
	Acclamation of Faith
	The Great Amen
The Lord's Prayer	..... Congregational
Communion	..... Taste And See
Solo	..... Madeleine Heckman - Amazing Grace
Closing Prayer	..... Father Titus
Final Hymn	..... I'll Fly Away