



James Edward Esposito

April 11, 1948 - June 9, 2023

James Edward Esposito of Newport News, Virginia, passed away on June 9, 2023, at age 75. He was the son of Joseph James Esposito and Ollie Mae Doby. James was a decorated veteran of the US Army serving from 1965 to 1971. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Air Crewman Wings, Purple Heart and 11 Air Medals.

Throughout his life he worked as an illustrator, sign painter, freelance mural artist, and playwright. In addition, he was known as an actor, producer of stage plays, and set designer as the founder of Sleeping Cat Studio. Writer's Digest International awarded James Honorable Mention in their playwright competition 3 times. In 1994, he was named as one of the top seven entertainment producers by Memphis Magazine. In 1973, he set the World Record in El Paso, TX for skipping stones in a story covered by Walter Cronkite.

He is survived by his spouse, Rosemary Falk and a host of friends. James blessed everyone he met with his unique sense of humor and kind soul. He will be missed tremendously.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Teresa Alexander lit a candle in memory of James Edward Esposito*



Teresa Alexander - July 22, 2023 at 01:51 PM

TA

I have been Jim and Rose's caretaker for the last three years. There was never a dull day with him around. I will miss our conversations going to and from the VA in Richmond. He had given me the name Mother Teresa. Jim is greatly missed!

Teresa Alexander - July 22, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JV

“ *Jim was also a father, grandfather, and great grandfather in addition to all the things mentioned I Jamie Vause his son will miss my dad.*

Jamie Vause - July 13, 2023 at 01:46 PM

KS

I am so sorry for your loss. I'm just seeing his obituary. I live right around the corner from him and was wondering why I hadn't seen him. I loved my chats with him, and I will miss his humor. I can't tell you how many times he would ask if I could figure out the paintings on his truck. Even if I seen him the week before he would ask me again. He seemed like such a nice man, and a great story teller. I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope you hold on to your memories.

Kimberly Sadler - July 18, 2023 at 01:42 PM

AH

“ Angie Hamrick lit a candle in memory of James Edward Esposito



Angie Hamrick - July 07, 2023 at 08:56 PM

AW

“ Spo was one of the most influential people in my life. I met him when I was 15. I was hitchhiking to school and he gave me a ride and also a job. I spent a lot of great times with him and have an endless array of hilarious stories and memories from his antics. I've been so inspired by the deep and out loud love and devotion he has for Rose and I know he will be missed yet I feel certain his spirit will remain right by your side for eternity, Rose. Sending you so much love ❤️

April Watts - June 24, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DT

“ I was so honored to work with Jim on several short film projects, and I was always amazed by his talent as an illustrator. The world is so much less interesting with Jim's passing.

David Tankersley - June 20, 2023 at 11:23 AM

MM

“ Marilyn Morton lit a candle in memory of James Edward Esposito



Marilyn Morton - June 16, 2023 at 10:28 PM