



Mr James Herndon

September 30, 1969 - January 19, 2017

JAMES DONALD HERNDON

SEPTEMBER 30, 1969 – JANUARY 19, 2017

James Herndon of Orange Beach, AL passed away peacefully at his home on January 19, 2017 to be with Christ his savior. He was surrounded by his loving wife Jane, mother Diana Coffman, sister Heather Carter, brother Kyle G. Coffman, daughter Kyla Marie Herndon, grandson Kane Armstead Herndon, son Halen Andrew Herndon, cousin Zane Cochran, Uncle Robert Cochran and his beloved dog Mica. He is survived by those above and his grandfather Leonard Slim Herndon, stepfather Kyle C. Coffman and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jim was born in Eureka, California and spent his youth in Redding, California. He was a skilled fisherman and hunter; loved music; and found his greatest peace while on the water.

Jim was a general contractor with a focus on marine construction. In that role, he assisted numerous communities recover from hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Through his knowledge of the local waterways and his innovations, Jim assisted Gulf Coast communities recover from the affects of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.

Jim was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Family and friends gathered for a private memorial service and burial at sea for Jim. Jim's family also will be holding a memorial service on the West Coast to celebrate Jim's life. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Coastal Conservation Association of Alabama. www.ccaalabama.org.

Arrangements by Cason Funeral Service Foley AL

Please go to www.casonfuneralservice.com to sign Memorial Book

Tribute Wall

SD

“ Sincerely, Jim Courtney and Staff at Atlantic Dock purchased the Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr James Herndon.



Sincerely, Jim Courtney and Staff at Atlantic Dock - February 06, 2017 at 08:21 PM

FW

“ Dear Jane,
I was so sad to hear of Jim's passing. I really only met him once, but that was enough to see how much you cared for each other (and how he was so worth leaving all of us!). Like so many others here at the Department, the pleasure of watching you follow your heart far outstripped the pain of saying goodbye, which was not insignificant. You were wise to grab onto that happiness. You are in my thoughts in this hard time - may the memories of the love and happy times you shared and the love and support coming your way from so many friends help you to a better time. Look forward to seeing you again soon.
Felice

felice weiner - February 02, 2017 at 11:45 AM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss, Jane. We never know how long the good times will last, but I trust your times with Jim were very good indeed! Hang in there. You're not forgotten up here.

Tom McNevin

Tom McNevin - January 30, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JA

“ Dear Jane,

John and I only knew Jim for a short while, but knew how deeply he changed your life and the joy and completeness he brought you. We are so thankful that you met him and had the time that you had with him. We are happy that you followed your heart and joined Jim down south. We have some comfort knowing that you prioritized your love and had as much quality time with him as you did.

We cannot begin to express our sympathy and sadness for the loss of Jim too soon. We hope that all the awesome memories will bring you moments of peace, as you grieve and adjust.

Jim changed you forever and will forever be with you. May time, the love of family and friends, and your faith continue to give you strength and afford you comfort.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jaime & John Gray*

Jaime - January 28, 2017 at 02:15 PM

JH

Thank you so much. I am just devastated, but the kindness of my pals from NJDEP are very comforting to my soul. Look forward to seeing you soon.

jane herndon - January 29, 2017 at 05:12 AM

WO

“ This is for Jane, smart, hardworking, no nonsense, who I worked with for several years at NJDEP. Before Jim, it seemed all you did was work. You certainly smiled a lot more after Jim entered your life. We all recall the first big bouquet of flowers you received, at work, after an extended weekend. An Assistant Commissioner (very senior manager in our organization) receiving flowers at work was cause for gossip. Over several months, the flowers kept coming and changed to roses. And these did not embarrass, rather they were prominently displayed in your corner office. Eventually, we learned of Jim, who you referred to as "my Jim", and then as "the love of my life", reflecting true feelings. Your friends here at NJDEP are all sad for you. At the same time, we recognize that it is wonderful that you found a soul mate and were happy during the time you and Jim had together. God bless you Jane, and all of Jim's family and friends. Bill

William O'Sullivan - January 27, 2017 at 09:41 AM

JH

Thank you so much. My heart is aching.

jane herndon - January 28, 2017 at 02:05 AM

JB

“ A little shocked. RIP Jim. I am Jim's X-Brother-in-law but kept in touch. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance and please Keep me informed if any services get planned for Jimmy. I'm sure my son would also want to attend any services for his uncle Jimmy also. Sorry, and god bless.

Jason Bearden - January 24, 2017 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ Jane - My thought and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.
Sue Slachta

Sue Slachta - January 24, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JH

Thank you, Sue. You saw the big smile on my face every morning when I got to work. That smile was bc of Jim. I am so sad, your kind words help.

jane herndon - January 29, 2017 at 05:14 AM

PH

“ *Jane - Your NJDEP family has you in its thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. -Peg Hanna*

Peg Hanna - January 24, 2017 at 07:49 AM

DC

Jim was my friend and I will miss him. He was a dreamer and he included me in his thinking. I hope he will rest in peace now. I know the pain is gone for him.

Don Childress - January 26, 2017 at 10:31 AM

KM

“ We first met Jim a very short 2 1/2 years ago while working on a waterway debris assignment in Baldwin County AL; Jim was one of the contractors and we were part of the monitoring firm overseeing his work. A short time after meeting Jim we met his wife, Jane - they were recently married, the same as us, only a few days apart. Getting to know and becoming friends with Jim was extremely easy and was a real pleasure and honor. He was genuine and never shied away from telling you how he felt, and we liked that about him, most of the time anyway. While we can't claim to have known him all that long, it feels like we've known him forever. We knew Jim's condition was worsening thanks to Jane keeping us updated, but waking and seeing the notice this morning informing us of his death overnight was very difficult. Good bye my friend, thank you, and we both love you!

*Kirby and Krissy McCrary
Winston-Salem, NC*

Kirby McCrary - January 19, 2017 at 04:25 PM

RJ

I worked for jim for a year and a half and have thought of him often since then. I am very sorry to learn of his death. He was an individual who's star burned bright. I did not have an opportunity to meet jane as i worked in his alabama office but hope she and her family find peace during this time of loss. Robyn johnson

Robyn johnson - January 21, 2017 at 07:10 PM

KM

Jane, I am so sorry for the loss of Jim. He was very nice, kind and most of all, he always had a big smile! . I am so sad for you and the rest of his family.

May he rest in Peace.

Please let me know when the arrangements for his memoriAL are made. I would love to be there and say good bye. Please find some peace during this very difficult time

Krissy McCrary

Krissy McCrary - January 26, 2017 at 11:36 AM

EG

Jane. I only met Jim once but could tell he was a good, caring man who loved you "to the moon and back." I saw the happiness his love gave you and that was so special to see. I know you will forever cherish all the wonderful memories of the time you had together. Although there is a distance between us, please know that I am always here for you, anything I can do for you. Condolences to Jim's family and friends. God Bless Jim and all of you.

Elaine Gutowski

Elaine Gutowski - January 28, 2017 at 07:05 AM

VK

Jane--

I am so very sorry for your loss. I can only hope and pray that you will forever cherish the wonderful moments you had together. Although the time you had together was relatively short, I know that sometimes at least, even a very short period of time can truly represent a lifetime. Please know that my daughter Daria, mom Agnes and I are sending you all of our thoughts and prayers. Condolences to you and everyone who knew Jim--I'm sure he was truly special!

Vicki Kerekes and family

Vicki Kerekes - January 30, 2017 at 07:44 AM