



## James H Stacey III

May 22, 1944 - April 20, 2021

James Harvey Stacey III was born May 22, 1944, to his father James Harvey Stacey II, a WW11 veteran and pharmacist, and to his mother, Nancy Elizabeth Stacey, a registered nurse and caretaker. He graduated valedictorian of his class at Foley High School, was selected as "Most Likely to Succeed" in Who's Who, attended the Georgia Institute of Technology, and made the Dean's List at Auburn University. He studied Electrical Engineering and worked for NASA. He was a world traveler but always loved, and came home to, his beautiful home town of Foley, Alabama.

Jim or "Sonny," as he was lovingly called by his family, was blessed with a beautiful community, caring family members, his affectionate cats, and favorite canine Vivian. He was a lover of all animals and was especially passionate about caring for homeless, injured, or stray pets. His motto was "No Cat Left Behind!" He treated his beloved pet dogs like royalty, knew all of the raccoons and opossums in his neighborhood personally, and befriended and cared for a large portion of the city's roaming cats. As a soulful storyteller and comedian, he could tell you a story or two that would give you a deep belly laugh and make you blush. As impressive as his brain worked to figure out any task or information in front of him, his heart was just as impressive. He deeply loved and was loved very deeply. He had a special heart for the misunderstood and would always root for the underdog. He enjoyed fast cars, beautiful women with blonde hair, pot roast, and every minute of being alive. A beautiful heart

and a beautiful mind don't begin to describe the kind of person the world has lost. If you would like to honor Sonny, please skip on pouring out a bit of your drink, and instead pour a little cat food into a bowl for a stray tonight.

He is survived by his family member and best friend, Pat Stacey; Pat's daughter Taylor and her husband Parker Tevis; his cousins, Jane McKenney and Susan Darby; his step-mother, Connie Stacey; his great friends, Bob Irwin and Dr. John McAtee; his kind and caring friends and neighbors, Tim and Sandy Russell; a beautiful community in the Foley United Methodist Church, and his wonderful classmates of Foley High School.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021, at 5 p.m. at the Gazebo in Foley Heritage Park. Chairs will be provided, and the service will be wheel chair accessible. At 6 p.m., there will be a celebration of Sonny's life at Stacey's Drugs with treats from the soda fountain and hors d'oeuvres.