



James Douglas Saxton

April 24, 1959 - May 18, 2026

James Douglas Saxton, 67, departed this life on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Lifecare of Hixson in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was born in Decatur, Alabama on April 24, 1959, to Clarence Edward and Delores Saxton. He passed away surrounded by family who dearly loved him.

James was affectionately called “Douglas” by his family and friends. He was a member of Washington Hills United Methodist Church. He was educated in the Chattanooga Public School System and was a 1977 graduate of Tyner High School. He received an Associates Degree from Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology of Tulsa, Oklahoma. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Douglas carried the values of discipline, honor, and commitment throughout his life, reflecting the strength and resilience instilled during his time in uniform. He was employed by International Quality Consultants-Baker Construction and was a Quality Control Inspector at several Consulting Firms.

Douglas was one of eleven siblings and grew up in a large, closely connected family. He held many fond memories of his friends in “East Town” of Decatur, Alabama, and he never forgot those early years or the joy he shared with them. Douglas will be remembered by so many who were blessed to share a lifetime of memories, laughter, and the deep bonds formed through a strong family foundation. The love and connection he shared with his siblings

remained an important part of who he was throughout his life. He lived a life of service and was dearly cherished within the community. Though his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will live on through the family he loved and the many lives he touched.

Douglas was preceded in death by his father, Clarence E. Saxton; brother, Gregory L. Saxton; grandfather, Edward Saxton; and grandmothers, Annie Matthews, Lorraine Saxton, and Christine Saxton.

Survivors include his daughter, Jamé Saxton of Bettendorf, IA; mother, Delores Saxton of Chattanooga who continues to cherish his memory; siblings, Clarence (Damita) Adkins of Priceville, Alabama. Wendell Saxton of Chattanooga, Ricky (Lawanda) Saxton of Grayson, Georgia, Ronald Saxton of Chattanooga. Monica Smoot of Nashville, Tennessee, Irish (Tony Ufere) Saxton of Marietta Georgia, Debbie Saxton of Chattanooga, Bridget (Christopher) Mastin of Meridianville Alabama and LaToya (Jemaine) Strickland of Powder Springs, Georgia; aunts, Sharon Burk of Detroit, MI, Mary Matthews of Chattanooga; and uncle, Earl (Gladys) Matthews of Decatur, AL; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and special friends, Kirk Kelley, Kendall Toney, Mark Bolden, Artis Toney, Eva Griffith, Ferrell Shaw, Quenette Dickerson and Jackie Spencer.

Douglas will lie-in-state on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Washington Hills United Methodist Church. Funeral service will follow at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Terryl James as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAY **27**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Washington Hills United Methodist
6216 Hadley Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416-3217

Funeral Service

MAY **27**. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Washington Hills United Methodist
6216 Hadley Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37416-3217

Burial

MAY **27**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall



“ *I worked with James many years ago on a project in Maryland and we got to be friends we were both from Chattanooga..He was a very nice fellow.I am sorry to read of his passing.*

John Massey - July 04 at 02:59 PM



“ *David Smith lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton*



David Smith - May 27 at 08:14 AM

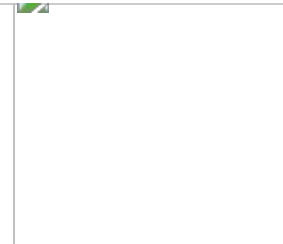


Condolences to the bereaved family.

David Smith - May 27 at 08:17 AM



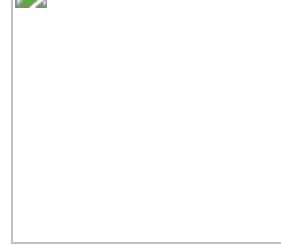
“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the family and friends in this time of sorrow. I pray God grants you peace.*



Shani Carter - May 26 at 08:34 PM



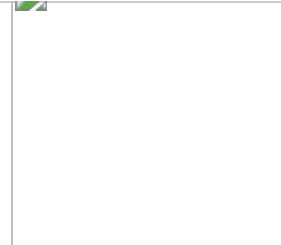
“ *Jo Ann Hilt*



Velda Hilt - May 26 at 07:02 PM



“ *Velda Hilt lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton*



Velda Hilt - May 26 at 06:58 PM



“ *St. Mark HSV & Dr. Jeremiah Chester planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James Douglas Saxton.*

St. Mark HSV & Dr. Jeremiah Chester - May 26 at 05:23 PM



“ *St. Mark HSV & Dr. Jeremiah Chester purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Douglas Saxton.*



St. Mark HSV & Dr. Jeremiah Chester - May 26 at 05:23 PM

FF

“ From Kendall and Tracy & Toney family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Douglas Saxton.

From Kendall and Tracy & Toney family - May 26 at 02:27 PM

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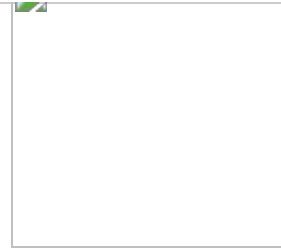
“ From Kendall and Tracy & Toney family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Douglas Saxton.



From Kendall and Tracy & Toney family - May 26 at 02:27 PM

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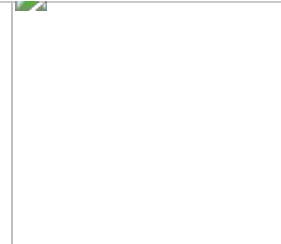
“ Michele Dixon lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton



Michele Dixon - May 26 at 10:43 AM



“ Gregory Cooke lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton



Gregory Cooke - May 25 at 09:07 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort and strength to Monica Smoot and the entire Saxton and all extended family. God knows how much you can bare, turn it all over to him. With love, Ava McMahon and your entire MTSU Family.*

Ava McMahon - May 25 at 12:41 PM



“ *Growing up in east town in Decatur Alabama was a big memory and lots of fun. And much love to the family*

Bobby Gordon II - May 25 at 08:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Douglas Saxton.*



May 24 at 11:36 PM



“ *Ken Gunn and Angela Casteel-Gunn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Douglas Saxton.*



Ken Gunn and Angela Casteel-Gunn - May 24 at 11:35 PM

KC

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Ken Gunn and Angela Casteel-Gunn - May 24 at 11:35 PM

E

“ Our condolences to the SAXTON family. PRAYING. Randall and Eunice LEFTWICH sr.

Eunice Leftwich - May 24 at 10:36 PM



“ Douglas was a great guy. I grew up in a time when older kids didn't have anything to do with younger kids. But not Douglas, he made it easy to be his friend. Your kindness will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to the Saxton Family, where everyone was welcomed to come and visit.

Antoinetta Newby - May 24 at 01:08 PM

LY

“ I remember when he first came to Chattanooga he was a nice man very quite



Lynn - May 23 at 08:52 AM

VJ

“ *The Jackson family from Eastown in Decatur AL extend our deepest sympathy to Lois and the Saxton family. We have alot of fond memories of summers in the park. You all were like family to us and we grieve with you. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.*

Vanessa Jackson and family

vanessa jackson - May 22 at 05:21 PM

RK

“ *Doug and my little brother Kirk were so close back in the day that I looked at Doug as my second little brother. We know that Doug is now in a better place where there is no pain and no tears. You will be missed.*

Condolences to the Saxton family and friends. May God continue to embrace each of you in His Loving Arms.

Regina Kelley-Starr - May 22 at 12:50 PM

YT

“ *Yolanda Terry lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton*

Yolanda Terry - May 21 at 12:17 PM

AP

“*Doug and I have always made plans to get together in the past, but always kept in touch. You will be missed my brother much love and prayers to the Saxton family*”



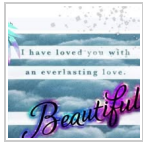
Audie Pryor - May 21 at 05:43 AM

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“*Douglas and I were neighbors in Washington Hills. To the Sexton family, hold close to the promise of Psalm 34: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*”

Dr. Van Hinton

Noble1596 - May 21 at 12:40 AM



“*Remembering Doug from Tyner. Class of 77. Always kind. Condolences and Prayers to the Saxton Family. Rest Peace Forever Doug in HIS Presence*”

Constance DeRamus - May 20 at 10:24 PM

RP

“*Douglas Saxton, we go wayyyy back! I will always remember you by your smooth stride and that radiant smile. Rest in peace my brother!*”

Renee Phifer - May 20 at 04:51 PM

AT

“ *My deepest condolences to the Saxton family. Doug will surely be missed. I was blessed to have shared the same first name as Doug. He was surely be missed rest in peace, my brother!*

Ardis Toney - May 20 at 01:57 PM

EB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



eugene bibbs - May 20 at 03:59 AM

M

“ *My condolences to the family*

*Love
Melinda Anderson*

Melinda Anderson - May 19 at 11:27 PM

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“ *James, my best friend, my love, for the past 13 years your have been my rock, and I enjoyed every moment with you. Life is so unfair but you are no longer in pain. I love you and will always cherish our time together.*

*Love,

Melinda Anderson*

Melinda Anderson - May 19 at 11:25 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. May God give you the strength and comfort that you need.*

Margaret Ryan - May 19 at 09:25 PM



“ *Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Saxton*

Ivy strickland - May 19 at 06:21 PM



“ *Very good team mate at Tyner High School Basketball team 1976, rest easy now, you have put in the work. Washington Hills.*

eugene bibbs - May 19 at 06:08 AM



I am still in shock of this news. Sending my condolences to the Saxton family. Douglas and I was very close, and kept on touch over the years. His smile would light up a room. He will be truly missed. Praying for the Saxton family. Love Michele

Michele Dixon - May 25 at 05:32 PM