



James W. Lemon Jr.

August 24, 1941 - March 3, 2024

Celebration of Life services for James W. Lemon Jr. will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 11AM. These services will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4140581>

James Windel Lemon, Jr. (Jimmy) was born on August 24, 1941 in Locust Grove, Henry County, Georgia; the oldest son to the union of James Windel Lemon, Sr. and Gladys Virginia (Prince) Lemon.

Jimmy began his formal education at Shoal Creek Elementary in Locust Grove and later attended Henry County training School in McDonough, Georgia both within the Henry County School System. After graduating Jimmy continued his education at Tennessee State University in Nashville where he majored in Aviation and was an active member of the Rifle Team and a Band member where he played the trumpet.

After graduating college in 1965, Jimmy returned to Georgia where he began his career as a teacher in Henry County and later transferred into Fayette County School System.

In September of 1968, Jimmy married Margie Dozier, and to this union they

welcomed three beautiful children Kelcey Ivan, Kanika Renee, and Kelvin William.

In 1969, Jimmy joined the CSX Railroad family and for the next thirty-six and a half years he developed lifelong friendships and memories that will never be erased.

Later in life, Jimmy reunited with his childhood crush Nellie Laney of Locust Grove, they were united in Holy Matrimony in October of 1999. Where they enjoyed traveling, music and spending time with family and friends. Jimmy was very active and lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, photography, traveling, crafting model planes and trains and collecting just about everything.

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Jimmy was called to his external home on March 3, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father, James Windel Lemon, Sr.; Mother Gladys Lemon; and his brother, Kenneth Lemon. He is survived by his wife Nellie Lemon, son Kelcey Lemon, daughter Kanika Lemon-Williams (Andre) and son Kelvin W. Lemon (Charlene), three children with his second wife Sherry, Ronald and Natasha; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren; brother Waymond Lemon (Carolyn), other relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church
99 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Tribute Wall



“ *W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James W. Lemon Jr.*



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - March 06, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TF

“ *J W was a great human being - I recall when he came to work at CSX where I was already working. J W was immediately liked by all his fellow railroad workers and all of them enjoyed working on the same crew with J W. J W sent me a DVD 10 years ago with hundreds of pictures of fellow railroad employees which I am sharing with fellow CSX retirees. All of those co-workers liked J W or they would not have smiled for him to take their pictures. I called J W the Tilford Yard and W&A Division historian. We all have him to thank for being to enjoys all of those pictures and remember our fellow railroaders. R I P, J W.*

T R Frederick CSX Co-worker 1964 ntil 2004

T R Frederick - April 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM

WL

“ *The last time I called my buddy Lemon, he didn't answer, but he did call back. He told me he was fighting a good fight, and that he wasn't feeling very well, but he was still hanging on. We didn't talk long because I could tell he was having a problem breathing, and I didn't want to over exert. We were friends for more than 50, and I visited him on several occasions when I visited my sister there in McDonough we talked often about our days at TSU and our lives and families. So sorry for your loss and regretful that I could not be there. Rest in love and peace*
Luke, Mound Bayou, MS

William Lucas - March 13, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TB

“ *Tony Buster lit a candle in memory of James W. Lemon Jr.*



Tony Buster - March 13, 2024 at 01:48 PM

TB

Mr. Lemon was a great teacher . He and I worked for CSX Railroad together for 25years. I'm just hearing about his passing. I'm shocked and saddened by the news. God a received another angel. May he bless you his family and keep you all in his care. RIHP my brother and friend and Coworkers & CSX Railroad 🇺🇸.

Tony Buster - March 13, 2024 at 01:53 PM

KL

“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Kelcey Lemon - March 13, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Program



Small text document snippet, likely a program or obituary.



W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - March 13, 2024 at 11:06 AM



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W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - March 13, 2024 at 10:48 AM

AL

“ Armond/ Tatiana/ Anastasia Lemon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



Armond/ Tatiana/ Anastasia Lemon - March 11, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



March 11, 2024 at 04:08 PM

KM

“ Kathy & Mark Menestrina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Lemon Jr..

Kathy & Mark Menestrina - March 11, 2024 at 04:08 PM

MI

“ Michele purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



Michele - March 11, 2024 at 02:37 PM

JD

“ Jeannette H. & Lavine H. from Detorit,MI purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



Jeannette H. & Lavine H. from Detorit,MI - March 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



March 11, 2024 at 12:57 PM

FF

“ *Farm City Detroit Friends* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Lemon Jr..

Farm City Detroit Friends - March 11, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JJ

“ *JW was a pleasure to work with and be around he will be missed . RIP JW*

James Jones - March 10, 2024 at 06:41 PM

BT

You were quite an inspiration to me as a young boy. You were one of the first local college graduates that I ever known.
Billy Thornton

Billy Thornton - March 11, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



March 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Mom Hobson, Jeannette & Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Lemon Jr..

Mom Hobson, Jeannette & Linda - March 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ You meet one person in your lifetime like J.W. You knew when you were in his presence you would learn. The conversations we had over the years were priceless. Working with J. W. you always knew he had your back ! No matter what. He was a knowledgeable Man in so many ways, When you finished a Train Ride with him you felt as if you had gotten out of class. We have all lost a precious friend. Condolences to his family. R.I.P. my Brother ! Steve White

stephen white - March 08, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



March 08, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MF

“ *Mezell Williams and family(IL) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..*



Mezell Williams and family(IL) - March 08, 2024 at 03:01 PM

MF

“ *Mezell Williams and family(IL) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Lemon Jr..*

Mezell Williams and family(IL) - March 08, 2024 at 03:01 PM

LS

“ *We thought the world of J.W. He made the railroad retirement lunches so much fun, loved to hear his old railroad stories and his laughter, while telling them. David said he was one of the best engineers at CSX and truly cared for his fellow co-workers. We also knew he cared deeply for his family and God. He will be missed on so many levels. Our thoughts and prayers to all his family. David and Linda Stowers, David who to his railroad buddies aka Super Dave and Tarzan*

Linda and David Dixon / Stowers - March 07, 2024 at 08:11 AM

UF

“ *Unbothered and The Kickball Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..*



Unbothered and The Kickball Family - March 06, 2024 at 01:11 PM

RF

“ Rudy & Denise Mack and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James W. Lemon Jr..



Rudy & Denise Mack and Family - March 05, 2024 at 07:04 PM

RF

“ Rudy & Denise Mack and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Lemon Jr..

Rudy & Denise Mack and Family - March 05, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ We always enjoyed our visits and phone calls with J.W. or his RR name Lemon. He was a dear friend to us. When he would ride his motorcycle to the dinners, I told him if Jack kept gaining weight that I was going to have to buy some of those buttons with the extension chain like he had on his leather vest. The next month he brought me a set of them. He enjoyed teasing Jack about his weight gain(80 lbs. after he stopped smoking.) Our condolences and prayers for all his family and friends. Jack and Serdalia Green

Serdalia Green - March 05, 2024 at 06:17 PM

JC

“ *Cousin Jimmy, we will miss your smile and humorous personality. Rest in peace and power.* ”



Janet Cunningham - March 05, 2024 at 05:42 PM

KL

“ *He was a wonderful grandfather. He will be greatly missed.* ”



K. Lemon - March 05, 2024 at 03:04 PM

KL

“ *He will truly be missed.* ”



K. Lemon - March 05, 2024 at 02:58 PM



A beautiful family.

Serdalia Green - March 05, 2024 at 09:57 PM

KL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kanika Lemon-Williams - March 05, 2024 at 02:46 PM

MJ

“ Prayers and Condolences to the Lemon family. Jimmy is now resting peacefully in the arms of our Savior.
Ernest and Joyce Johnson



Mary Johnson - March 05, 2024 at 10:44 AM

VW

Deepest sympathy to Lemon family. Rest in peace Jimmy.

Valeria webb - March 11, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BH

“ Barry Harkness lit a candle in memory of James W. Lemon Jr.



barry harkness - March 05, 2024 at 05:48 AM

ML

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Mlatkins - March 04, 2024 at 07:14 PM

BH

“ Bernadine L Hall lit a candle in memory of James W. Lemon Jr.



Bernadine L Hall - March 04, 2024 at 12:44 PM