



James Edward Weiderhold

July 24, 1955 - January 5, 2025

James Edward Weiderhold was the fifth of eight children born to the late Fred and Ruth Weiderhold. As a person with Down syndrome, he faced many challenges throughout his life, but he thrived in the loving care of his family. Despite numerous disabilities and setbacks, he was a happy individual, loving the attention he received. From early childhood, he served as the indisputable bond that held his family together. As we cared for him we cared for one another. We developed a strong sense of responsibility towards others, especially the helpless and ignored. Always kept safe at home, he spent the seventeen years after his mother's death as the ward of his sister Connie and her husband John. Bedbound for the last two years of his life, he also benefited from the care of the nurses and aides of Heartland Hospice and respite provider Mukhsin Mukhlissov. He ultimately succumbed to Alzheimer's disease with loving family members around him.

He is survived by his siblings Ruth (Daniel) Daly, Connie (John) Brown, Judith (Eldor) Pederson, Fred (Alice) Weiderhold, Michael (Susan) Weiderhold, Betty (Daniel) McLaughlin, and Robert (Susan) Weiderhold, as well as 14 nieces and nephews and 13 grandnieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to either the National Down Syndrome Society (<https://ndss.org/donations>) or Heartland Hospice (<https://www.gentivahs.com/services/hospice-care/heartland->

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Betty McLaughlin - January 13, 2025 at 02:38 PM

AG

Thank you for sharing this beautiful slide show of James with us. It's easy to see he was part of a very loving family. May his memory be a blessing to the family and all who knew him.

Amy Goodman - January 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM

EM

Such a wonderful account of your brothers life. We know how very special he was to all of you. It is reflected in the loving devotion you all showed him. May he rest in peace ❤️

Eloise Mclaughlin - January 14, 2025 at 04:24 PM

TH

Loved all the photos of your family - thanks for sharing these wonderful moments!❤️

Trudi Harter - January 14, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MS

Beautiful family tribute to him! Lots of love in your family pictures! I think he was a blessing to the family and you were a blessing to him! Keep your memories close in your heart and visit them often!❤️ Love, Marlene Shsughnessy

Marlene Shaughnessy - January 17, 2025 at 07:07 AM

PC

What a beautiful memorial tribute to a beautiful soul and the beautiful amazing family that worked together to make sure that their brother had the special life he deserved. He was a Blessing to anyone who knew him and his family was a Blessing to him. Prayers for comfort to the family. Treasure all the memories you have shared. Love —Cousin Trisha and Jim Copsey

Patricia Copsey - January 17, 2025 at 03:35 PM

PK

Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories of James

Paul Korslund - January 23, 2025 at 09:52 AM