



## James Woodrow Tutwiler

December 11, 1977 - June 9, 2023

James Woodrow “J.W.”/ “Woody” Tutwiler of Knoxville, formerly of Rossville, IL, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Jerry Tutwiler.

He is survived by his son, Austin Tutwiler of Knoxville; sisters, Judy (Terry) Farris of Dandridge and Rebecca Halley of Hoopston IL, his brother, Shane “Jessica” Tutwiler of West Hartford CT; granddaughter, Serinity Tutwiler of Knoxville; nieces and nephews, Gabe Combs, Deanna Gordon, John Combs, Matt Farris, Dustin Farris, Abby and Maddie Tutwiler; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Woody loved to make others happy, and was able to bring light even into the darkest moments. His friends and family will always remember, and deeply miss, his mischievous grin while telling jokes and warm hugs when others were feeling down.

Unfortunately, years of addiction to and abuse of drugs and alcohol robbed Woody of his humanity and dignity, and caused him to abandon his loving, caring nature. If you or someone you know and love are suffering from drug or alcohol addiction, please.... don't stop trying to find yourself again. You are loved, you are missed, and you deserve to live.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you reach out to a loved one with whom you've lost touch and share a story and a smile, as Woody would have.

Arrangements for a celebration of life will be shared at a later date. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Tutwiler Family.



# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Recently released and going through some old messages and James came up. I am so sorry for your loss. What I remember of James was always positive.

Matt Hensley - July 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

BH

“ I had the privilege of knowing James his last year of life through my job. James overcame a lot during this time, and almost always had a smile on his face. He was blind the first several months. He endured this disability and persevered, relying on those around him to lead and guide him. It was a community effort. We then got to witness him after having cataract surgery, taking his bandages off for the first time, and he could see again! He joked about how he imagined us looking like and it was wonderful seeing his happiness at putting a face to our voices. Then he was able to get housing for the first time in a very long time. He still had his demons to work through but he was on his way. I was saddened to hear that his addictions caught up to him before he could conquer it. I will remember James for his positivity in adversity and his smile. I am so very sorry for your loss. He spoke of his family and his love for you all.

BH - September 20, 2023 at 03:26 AM

GT

“ Gina Tooley lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler



Gina Tooley - June 15, 2023 at 11:05 PM

GT

“ I remember hanging out with James in his place on Broadway . Austin yiu were just a baby. He was so happy and smiling holding you. I was scared to hold you ..you were so tiny. You will be missed James. We'd talk over the years here and there. Wish I could of seen you again. Prayers you're at peace now and your family as well .

Gina Tooley - June 15, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Woodrow Tutwiler.



June 14, 2023 at 07:14 PM

TP

“ Tabitha Powell lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler



Tabitha Powell - June 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM

CO

“ Cornelia lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler



Cornelia - June 14, 2023 at 04:30 PM

RP

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Tutwiler family.*



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**Racheal Popoola** - June 14, 2023 at 01:09 PM

CH

“ *Christina lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler*



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**Christina** - June 13, 2023 at 08:45 PM

AB

“ *Amber Botkin lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler*



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**Amber Botkin** - June 13, 2023 at 03:14 PM

AB

“ I knew woody from our younger days. I was in Shanes class but hung out with Woody. He was definitely one of a kind. Could always make me laugh dont think I remember a time he didnt have a smile on his face which usually meant he was up to something lol. I have lots of crazy memories. Prayers to all his family. Rest in peace my friend  
Love your friend  
Amber

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**Amber Botkin** - June 13, 2023 at 03:10 PM

BM

“ Belina Plecker Maxwell lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler



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**Belina Plecker Maxwell** - June 13, 2023 at 09:37 AM

RI

“ Woody was loved in school. He was goofing around with Amanda in high school and accidentally hit her mouth and knocked out a tooth. We still laugh about that. He felt awful ! We are so sad for his hard times and addiction . Our sympathy for all of Woodys family who loved him . We know you all did your best to help him fight his battles. He's at peace now.  
Ron, Jo, Chris and Amanda Rife.



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**rife** - June 12, 2023 at 10:26 PM

RL

“ *Rebecca Luttrell lit a candle in memory of James Woodrow Tutwiler*



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**Rebecca Luttrell** - June 12, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ *Lots of time spent at the Tutwiler house. Woody was a unique character that did have a good heart. Thoughts and prayers for everyone.*



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**Stacey Miles** - June 12, 2023 at 04:18 PM