



## James Murray

August 12, 1967 - July 15, 2016

James Darren Murray of Corsicana passed away at Navarro Regional Hospital on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the age of 48. He was born in Dallas, TX on August 12, 1967 to James R. Murray and Velma Jo Wilson Murray. He worked for the Texas Youth Commission for 6 years until 1994 when he joined the Navarro County Sheriffs Department where he had been for 22 years. James was a avid outdoors man finding time to hunt and fish and rides ATV's. He also enjoyed farming and ranching with his dad, taking care of the land. He married Amy Smith on July 23, 2005 in Corsicana.

He is preceded in death by his mother Jo Murray. Brothers; Billy Taylor, Benny Taylor and Rick Taylor. Nephew David Taylor and son Austin Tyler Murray. James is survived by his wife Amy Murray. His father James R. (Red) Murray. Children; Dakota Murray, Lisa Murray, Shelee Murray and Brock Murray. James is also survived by the mother of Brock and Dakota, Lori Murray. Sister Lori Murray Boyte and husband Bradley. Brothers; Reggie Taylor and wife Patty and Charles Beasley. He is also survived by his nephews Michael Withrow and wife Sarah, Erick Taylor and wife Jessica, Bill Taylor, Rick Taylor and wife Tanya, Cody Taylor and Josh Taylor and wife Rainbo; nieces, Courtney Aguado and husband Josh, Jessica Taylor, Faith Taylor Nesbett, Melanie Taylor, Christin Boyte and Bailey Boyte. There are also numerous great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members. James is also survived by his second family, the men and women

of law enforcement that he worked with for the last 22 years in Navarro County.

Visitation with his family will be held on Monday evening from 6 - 8pm in the Chapel at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday morning, July 19, 2016 at 10am at Northside Baptist Church with Bro. Tony Neal officiating. Burial will follow at New Pursley Cemetery with members of the Navarro County Sheriffs Office serving as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Pursley Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## New Pursley

Farm Market 642  
Purdon, TX 76679

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUL 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church  
2800 North Beaton  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James Murray



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 18, 2016 at 02:55 PM

PS

God bless you Amy you had a wonderful husband! He was the sweetest Officer Navarro county had! RIPOfficer James Murray! # 135 you will be misse!!

Peggy Shewbert - July 18, 2016 at 09:00 PM



Geez, Murray i miss you! Amy, thank you for sharing your wonderful husband with the rest of us, he touched so many lives! I am beyond honored to have both of you as friends!

Kim Moseley - July 19, 2016 at 11:58 AM



# 135 will truly be missed...

Amber O'Daniel - July 19, 2016 at 09:22 PM

LA

Rest in peace you're surely will be missed

Leah Armstrong - July 19, 2016 at 11:30 PM

DB

Continued prayers for you all 🙏

David and Misty Bowling - July 20, 2016 at 09:39 AM

GP

*So sad Officer Murray had to go so soon. Will be missed by many.*

**Glenda Parrish** - July 20, 2016 at 11:28 AM

LM

*Beautiful memorial Amy! Such precious memories!*

**Lee Montgomery** - July 20, 2016 at 03:24 PM

AB

*R.I.P. Officer James Murray*

**alice boulware** - July 20, 2016 at 11:31 PM



“ *James Murray*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

LH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! He was one of a kind! You and yours will be in my prayers.*



**Lauri Hurst-Maner** - July 20, 2016 at 08:35 AM

SC

“ *Sharon Crespo lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



**Sharon Crespo** - July 19, 2016 at 10:52 PM



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<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>  
*rip officer murray 135*

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**Misty Washburn** - July 19, 2016 at 09:07 PM

JC

“ *our thoughts and prayers.*

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**john cunningham** - July 19, 2016 at 12:49 PM

RC

“ *James touched so many lives in our community. He always had a smile, or kind word to say. Working with him was a pleasure. He enjoyed his family and his work. Know that he will truly be missed. We appreciate his service to our community. He was a great man. May God lift each of you up and wrap his loving arms around you. May He guide you in the weeks to come and give you comfort.*

*Always,*  
*Jacky & Ruby Coker*



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**Ruby Coker** - July 19, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ Gerald Baxley lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Gerald Baxley - July 19, 2016 at 08:14 AM

DH

“ Darla Hooper lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Darla Hooper - July 19, 2016 at 01:40 AM

JW

“ Jennifer ( Trull) Wilburn lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Jennifer ( Trull) Wilburn - July 19, 2016 at 01:28 AM

FM

“ Frances Middleton lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Frances Middleton - July 19, 2016 at 12:55 AM

FM

“ Murray was a great guy, I knew him personally and he was good company and we liked him very much. He would always stop and visit us if he was near the neighborhood. I have been told alot of good things about him and I know they're all true because he had a kind heart and a compassionate heart for people. We will miss him and always think about him. My heart goes out to the family and we will keep you all in prayer, God bless you and may He comfort your heart at this time and give you peace. Frances Middleton and Family

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**Frances Middleton** - July 19, 2016 at 12:53 AM

CP

“ Cristina Peterson lit a candle in memory of James Murray



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**Cristina Peterson** - July 18, 2016 at 08:31 PM

CP

“ Cristina Peterson lit a candle in memory of James Murray



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**Cristina Peterson** - July 18, 2016 at 08:29 PM

P(

“ Murray has been our neighbor for 17 years. So sad to hear we lost such a great man and neighbor. He cannot be replaced. We will truly miss him! On behalf of Robert, Donna, Crystal and Candace Pope, we send our condolences to the whole family. Remember, if you ever need anything, just walk on over, we will be there for you and your family.

Pope family (neighbor) - July 18, 2016 at 08:22 PM

RD

“ Rikki Doss lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Rikki Doss - July 18, 2016 at 06:46 PM

RD

“ Rikki Doss sent a virtual gift in memory of James Murray



Rikki Doss - July 18, 2016 at 06:44 PM

MP

“ Mary Palmeri lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Mary Palmeri - July 18, 2016 at 06:01 PM

MP

“ *Playing Jokes and Aggrevating others always made Darren's day, as he always made yours. Rest in Peace my friend. As we continue our lives here on earth, you will not be forgotten. To Amy and the entire Murray family, he filled your lives with much love and laughter. He's taken his service to the sky instead of the streets. Thank you Darren for being a loyal officer of the law. Spread your wings as you continue to watch over the ones you love.*

Mary Palmeri - July 18, 2016 at 05:59 PM

LF

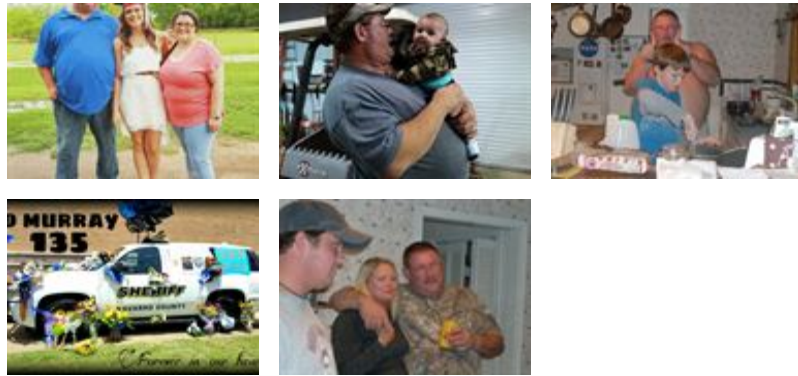
“ *Laura Fira lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



Laura Fira - July 18, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *15 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 18, 2016 at 03:59 PM

LS

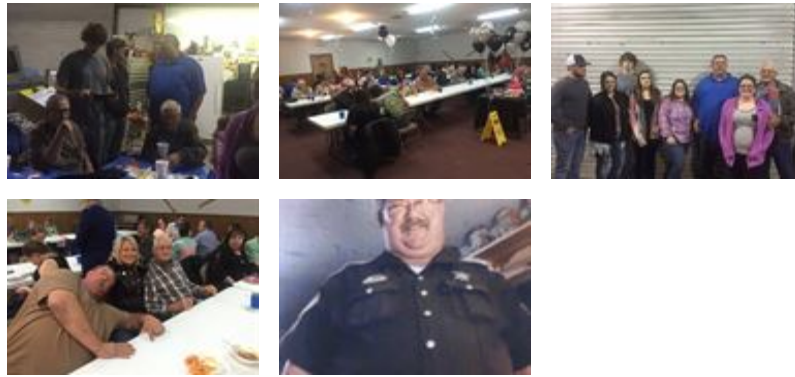
“ *Larry -Stacy Sykes lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



Larry -Stacy Sykes - July 18, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 18, 2016 at 02:40 PM

SB

“ *Shayla Lindsey Blair lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



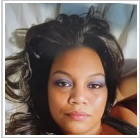
Shayla Lindsey Blair - July 18, 2016 at 02:38 PM

KO

“ *Kenny And Stacey Owens lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



Kenny and Stacey Owens - July 18, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Maria Lindsey-Wafford lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



Maria Lindsey-Wafford - July 18, 2016 at 12:36 PM

Jl

“ *Juli Ivie lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



Juli Ivie - July 18, 2016 at 09:32 AM

MF

“ *McCollum Family sent a virtual gift in memory of James Murray*



McCollum Family - July 18, 2016 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ Tony & Tammie Cole lit a candle in memory of James Murray



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**Tony & Tammie Cole** - July 18, 2016 at 08:43 AM

LR

“ Darren will be missed by so many. He was truly one of the good guys !!



*Linda and Jim Rollins*

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**Linda Rollins** - July 18, 2016 at 01:27 AM

LL

“ James Murray has been connected with our family over the years. His love of family has helped us through what would have been tough love with our son. Navarro County will miss a man of honorable service to his community. Our family has been blessed to have him apart of our lives. Bless the family knowing James is a hero to our family.

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**Larry & Becky Long** - July 17, 2016 at 10:17 PM

TF

“ The Vierps Family, Rollins Family, Garrett Family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of James Murray.



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**The Vierps Family, Rollins Family, Garrett Family** - July 17, 2016 at 09:49 PM

SV

“ Shannon Vierps lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Shannon Vierps - July 17, 2016 at 08:50 PM

TS

“ officer murray, was a great friend,it broke my heart when I heard of his passing, I will not forget Murray,rest in peace my friend, and brother, the schlessman family,



tammara & elmer schlessman - July 17, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Murray.



July 17, 2016 at 08:02 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Murray.



July 17, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Murray.* ”



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July 17, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ *Michelle Jolly lit a candle in memory of James Murray* ”



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**Michelle Jolly** - July 17, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Murray.* ”



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July 17, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *Jason And Missy Blake lit a candle in memory of James Murray* ”



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**Jason and Missy Blake** - July 17, 2016 at 02:57 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Officer Murray was a great man and friend. God be with you all and you are all in my prayers. Jeanie Hatlett, Spencer Shirley and Dillon Hatlett.



jeanie hatlett - July 17, 2016 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ David And Misty Bowling sent a virtual gift in memory of James Murray



David and Misty Bowling - July 17, 2016 at 12:55 PM

DB

“ David And Misty Bowling lit a candle in memory of James Murray



David and Misty Bowling - July 17, 2016 at 12:54 PM

 Gabriel Pimentel

“ Such a great guy. Who gave his strength and laughter to everyone around him.



Gabriel Pimentel - July 17, 2016 at 12:52 PM

DB

“ David And Misty Bowling lit a candle in memory of James Murray



David and Misty Bowling - July 17, 2016 at 12:50 PM

Tracy Owens Franklin

“ Tracy Owens Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Tracy Owens Franklin - July 17, 2016 at 09:27 AM

Tracy Owens Franklin

“ Tracy Owens Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Tracy Owens Franklin - July 17, 2016 at 09:25 AM

GL

“ Gary, Stacy, Josh and Kristen Lane. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Murray.



Gary, Stacy, Josh and Kristen Lane. - July 17, 2016 at 09:22 AM

SG

“ you have always been the funniest person to be around I could call you in the middle of the night with a question or problem and you always answered and helped. you did anything and everything to help anyone and loved your family so much! You have been a friend of our family for so many years and will be missed by so many To Amy and his children: he would want more than anything for you all to stay strong I'm here for you all God bless you during this hard time love you. Stacy

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**Stacy Garland** - July 17, 2016 at 08:03 AM

TH

“ Tina Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Murray



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**Tina Hughes** - July 17, 2016 at 07:58 AM

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“ Tina Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Murray



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**Tina Hughes** - July 17, 2016 at 07:55 AM

MM

“ Our love and sincere prayers are with all of you!

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**Martha Morrow** - July 17, 2016 at 07:44 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know all of you are in my prayers.

*Darlene Pruitt*

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**Darlene Pruitt** - July 17, 2016 at 07:28 AM

BA

“ We are deeply sadden for the loss of our neighbor Deputy Murray. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. Jeff, Tommy and Barbara Arnett. Robert and Amber McFarland

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**Barb Arnett** - July 17, 2016 at 06:34 AM

PT

“ *Patty & Reggie Taylor lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Patty & Reggie Taylor** - July 17, 2016 at 03:49 AM

RT

*You were a great brother and brother n law. We will miss you so much. We can't even think of deer hunting right now because it will never be the same with out you there. Fly high my brother. Gone BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN <3*

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**Reggie & Patty Taylor** - July 17, 2016 at 03:52 AM



“ *My Prayer's are with you all.. From Airway,Heights Washington*



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**Lora Ard** - July 17, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JD

“ *He was always happy and usually helpful.i remember him on the police radio at 4.30 am a lot of mornings.he will be missed.*

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**Jerry davis** - July 16, 2016 at 10:34 PM

GA

“ *Praying for all who loved and were loved by Deputy Murray. May each of you know “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.”*

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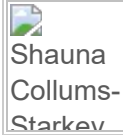
**Guy & Ailsa (Flynn) Anderson** - July 16, 2016 at 10:04 PM

KM

“ *We have had sooooo many memories together from you jumping in tooling trucks down 7th and crawling through back windows for a drink and Lori driving to Kevin and Alan The ford and Ron Bearington, watching you be pulled over by the Popo for doing 80 to beat your curfew. To raising our kids together and watching each others back. It's going to be tough without your sarcastic self. You weren't supposed to go out like this. Old age was supposed to our goal. I love you and this world is just a little more empty without you here.*

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**Kim Marshall** - July 16, 2016 at 10:03 PM

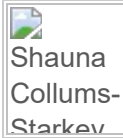


“ *Shauna Collums-Starkey lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Shauna Collums-Starkey** - July 16, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ *Shauna Collums-Starkey lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Shauna Collums-Starkey** - July 16, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *Melanie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Melanie Ferguson** - July 16, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of James Murray.*



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July 16, 2016 at 09:26 PM

Pam  
Clay

“ Pam Clay lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Pam Clay - July 16, 2016 at 09:21 PM

BB

“ Brandi Bentley lit a candle in memory of James Murray



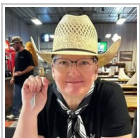
Brandi Bentley - July 16, 2016 at 08:52 PM

JM

“ Jamie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Jamie Mitchell - July 16, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ Carol Wolaver lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Carol Wolaver - July 16, 2016 at 07:15 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Mooneyhan lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Lisa Mooneyhan** - July 16, 2016 at 07:03 PM

CC

“ *Candy Collier lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Candy Collier** - July 16, 2016 at 07:02 PM

GA

“ *Praying for all who loved and were loved by Deputy Murray. May you each know “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding”...*

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**Guy and Ailsa (Flynn) Anderson** - July 16, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Murray.*



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July 16, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Murray.*



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July 16, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *Barb & Sherri Aehlert lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Barb & Sherri Aehlert** - July 16, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *James, you we're an amazing guy and we're going to miss you so much! Prayers to the family for peace and comfort. Fly high my friend! ❤️RIP*



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**Dawn Montgomery** - July 16, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Nicole McMahan lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Nicole McMahan** - July 16, 2016 at 05:14 PM

RS

“ *Ray & Mary Stuart lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



**ray & mary stuart** - July 16, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *Laurie Eckman lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



**Laurie Eckman** - July 16, 2016 at 04:03 PM

PJ

“ *Paul Jacobs lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



**Paul Jacobs** - July 16, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *Prayers for the Family. With deepest sympathy  
Mike and Marsha Stearman*



**Marsha Stearman** - July 16, 2016 at 03:21 PM



Marsha Stearman

“ *Prayers for the Family. With deepest sympathy*  
*Mike and Marsha Stearman*



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**Marsha Stearman** - July 16, 2016 at 03:19 PM



ST

“ *Scarlet Tiner lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**scarlet tiner** - July 16, 2016 at 03:11 PM



PF

“ *Paul & Dusty Flanagan lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Paul & Dusty Flanagan** - July 16, 2016 at 03:09 PM

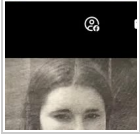


TC

“ *To the family; May the love of God's presence surround you and comfort you today, and in the days to come, we know that this is not goodbye, but see you later. Love in Christ, Tony and Tammie Cole*

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**Tony and Tammie Cole** - July 16, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *From the Wyatt Family, God Bless. We love you Amy!*



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**Dawn Wyatt** - July 16, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Terry Paul lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Terry Paul** - July 16, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *I met James when he was still in high school,I used to go watch his football games,he was always cutting up and making everyone laugh and I know he brought joy to all the lives he touched. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and everyone who knew him,I know we are all hurting over this loss, if we called him friend,which I did and my heart breaks for all those that loved him,which you couldn't help but love him.He was a good one,God give his wife,children and the rest of his family strength to get through this very difficult time.He will be missed by so many.*

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**Dawn Robinson** - July 16, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dawn Robinson lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Dawn Robinson** - July 16, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ *Amy Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Amy Ainsworth** - July 16, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Frances Rollins Middleton lit a candle in memory of James Murray*



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**Frances Rollins middleton** - July 16, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ *To see James' name here just breaks my heart. Much love and prayers to the NCSO and Murray families.*



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**Kris Smith** - July 16, 2016 at 12:43 PM

TC

“ To the family, May God put His loving arms around you and comfort you today, and in the days to come, you are in our thoughts and prayers, Love in Christ. Tony and Tammie Cole

Tony Cole - July 16, 2016 at 12:18 PM

SG

“ Sandra Griffith lit a candle in memory of James Murray



sandra griffith - July 16, 2016 at 11:35 AM

SG

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are your family.

sandra griffith - July 16, 2016 at 11:36 AM

SR

“ James was a good person. Always made me laugh. Always there if you needed anything. May he rest in peace. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for strength and comfort for his family, friends and coworkers at NCSO.

Saundra Robinson - July 16, 2016 at 11:06 AM

SR

“ Saundra Robinson lit a candle in memory of James Murray



Saundra Robinson - July 16, 2016 at 11:01 AM

SF

“ Praying for you all!



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**Samantha Boyd and Family** - July 16, 2016 at 09:22 AM

PS

“ This was one of the sweetest Officers Navarro County ever had! He always like to talk and was so kind! Officer Murray you will be missed so muc!! Heaven got a little sweeter yesterda!! Amy so sorry for your loss May God bless and hold your hand through this.

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**Peggy Shewbert** - July 16, 2016 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Our hearts are broken and our prayers are with the Murray family. May God bless you and hold you all in his loving arms.

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**Jerry Blackmon** - July 16, 2016 at 08:52 AM