



James R. Gowing

June 20, 1945 - January 9, 2020

James R. Gowing, 74 of Altus, Arkansas died Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Fort Smith. He was an Artist and Designer. He was born June 20, 1945 in Altus, Arkansas to Chloe and Agnes Harris Gowing. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Gowing; and a sister, Nina Brown. He is survived by his wife, Willene Harris Gowing of Altus; a son, Greg Gowing and wife Crystal of Altus; a sister, Ruth Ballard of Baltimore, Maryland; and four grandchildren, Kenyon, Graysen, Foster, and Adeline Gowing.

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Tuesday, January 14th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street Ozark.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 PM Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jamie Kendrick officiating and burial at Harris Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers are Derion Walker, Todd Harris, Paul Louis Kendrick, Bobby Standridge, Rick Hurst, Garrett Walker, Scott Burns, Jimmy Zollicoffer, and Cody Jackson. Honorary pallbearers are Gratton Harris, Rhan Walker, Vernon Rice, Cardith Walker, Michael Scott Irby, Lewis Rue, Kayne Satterfield, Alice Pruitt, Lonnie Turner, Noah Standridge, Heather Masingale, Michael Harris, and Don Neumeier.

Cemetery Details

Harris Cemetery

Westview Road
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. Gowing*



Shaffer Funeral Home - January 14, 2020 at 02:29 PM

BC

A beautiful video of my Uncle who able to live the life he loved. RIP. 💔

Beverly Ballard Cochran - January 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM



Jim I was so lost for words today when I learned of your passing in the middle of this virus that attacked the world! But I was also happy when I remembered all you thought me on Bass and crappie fishing back in the 90s and the lure you let me keep from that local fishing show I treasured it so much that once it got stuck on a stick in the backwaters and my wife to go retrieve it for and then it went through her finger. I wouldn't let the doctor cut the lure so he did a minor surgery so I could have my lure. Then after all that someone stole it from me. I was devastated. Jim I wish I never moved back to Maryland because then I would have had another 20 plus years more to fish with you. I missed you when I left and now I miss you that you left and we will fish again Jim your friend Jimmy Boots Finfera Bassmaster

Jimmy Boots Finfera - April 08, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *James R. Gowing*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM

JS

“ So sorry for the loss of Jim. I knew him when he was art Tech when my dad worked in the student center. I treasure a pastel/ink portrait of my precious collie. I now enjoy a painting in my den that he did for my dad of my dad's two bird dogs, one set at point in the woods. His artistic talent was amazing. Such a great loss.

Janet Crow Schweinfurth - July 14, 2020 at 08:13 PM

BW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr Gowan's passing! I had the privilege of meeting him at Pradco, he always had us calling him Jim! He always came in with a smile and something funny to tell! We always looked forward to him coming by the plant! I know his smile and his talent for design will be greatly missed! Go Rest High Jim

Brenda Willson - February 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Jim was one of the most influential lure designer you never heard of. Rest In Peace brother.

Rhan Walker - January 15, 2020 at 11:16 AM

BD

Without a doubt one of the most innovative and technical minds in the fishing industry ever. Never gets the credit he deserves. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Bobby Dennis - February 20, 2020 at 09:29 PM

LW

“ Your family is in our prayers. We have many wonderful memories of working at PRADCO with Jim. Larry & Lisa Walthall

Lisa Walthall - January 14, 2020 at 11:44 PM

KR

I know my Bud Rue and Jim are catching-up on the latest Fishing stories and Family too! I can't think of Jim without remembering the time Willene, Jim ,Bud and myself went float fishing in the Mulberry . We caught several fish, had them cleaned and cooked them at the cabin, within 2 hrs. Jim often commented how he enjoyed the day and how good the fresh fish tasted. Good Memories!

kathye rue - February 09, 2020 at 05:20 PM

DB

“ *Jim and I were in school together at Arkansas Tech University. We worked together in the Student Union. Prayers for the family. Keep pleasant memories in your heart and mind.*

David Bell

David Bell - January 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SS

“ *Jim was a remarkable artist and avid fisherman. I have had the pleasure and challenge of fishing in the same boat as him on several occasions. If there are Skeeter bass boats and underwater river jetties in heaven, then we all know what Jim is doing right now. Rest in peace my friend.*

Scott Schroeder - January 14, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R. Gowing.*



January 13, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Gowing.



January 13, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and the family.-
Michelle Howell Usher

Michelle Usher - January 12, 2020 at 03:36 PM



I am so sorry to hear this. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Houston - January 13, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ James was a great friend and so talented. His family and my family were all lifelong friends. Tho it's been years since I've seen him, I will always remember him being busy either working on his fishing lures or his art. Prayers to his wife, son and grandchildren. So very sorry for your loss. In my thoughts and prayers. God Bless ! My deepest sympathy. Marilyn Armstrong Sharum.

Marilyn Armstrong Sharum - January 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Marilyn Armstrong Sharum lit a candle in memory of James R. Gowing



Marilyn Armstrong Sharum - January 12, 2020 at 03:26 PM

BC

“ James Ralph was a great Uncle to me in my childhood. He always took the time to take us fishing and show us his gift of Lure making. He inspired me to never give up and be creative and to live life to the fullest. He is will always hold a special place in my heart. 🌹



Beverly Ballard Cochran - January 12, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MM

“ Mary Kay, Gil, Tiger, and Meredith purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James R. Gowing.



Mary Kay, Gil, Tiger, and Meredith - January 11, 2020 at 11:19 PM

JC

“ Rest In Peace, Jimbo. You will be truly missed.

Jim Cox - January 11, 2020 at 05:20 PM

RL

“ I remember the days at Altus High school with Moose, which we called him. And his Dad, Soapy and Mom, Agnes. Sweet sweet family. Good folks around that time and I learned that he remained a good man in verb the years. Got to reunite with him last year. God bless the family. Praying for them.

Rosemary Zollicoffer Long - January 11, 2020 at 03:42 PM