



## James "Sam" Gadberry

November 1, 1967 - April 28, 2014

James "Sam" Reynolds Gadberry, of Searcy, went to be with his heavenly father on April 28, 2014. Sam was born to Leon and Claudine Gadberry of Forrest City, on November 1, 1967, in Forrest City. He was a 1986 graduate of Forrest City High School. After graduation, Sam enlisted in the Army while attending the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Sam earned his Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Central Arkansas in 1993. He was a member of the Sigma Tau Fraternity. He moved and made Searcy his home in 1993 and started his Occupational Therapy career with Tri-Therapy. Sam and Andrea later invested in the local real estate market and owned multiple rental properties that evolved into Gadberry Properties. Sam married the love of his life, Andrea Lee Satterfield, on October 16, 1994. They welcomed their first baby girl, Sutton Elise, into the world in December of 1997 and their second baby girl, Schaeffer Reeves in 2002. Sutton and Schaeffer were Sam and Andrea's world. Sam was a very active and crucial member of Searcy First United Methodist Church. He helped with the youth, Sons of Thunder, the children, VBS and other vital ministries. Sam loved golf and loved being on the golf course with his friends. He also was a huge bowler and spent a lot of time bowling. He volunteered with the Searcy Soccer league. He loved working out too, but most of all he loved spending time with his family. Sam is survived by his parents, Leon Gadberry of Forrest City; Claudine Gadberry of Searcy; his wife, Andrea, and two daughters, Sutton and Schaeffer—all of Searcy; half-brother, Wayne

Graham of Searcy; and half-sister, Debbie Graham of Searcy. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 304 N. Main Street, Searcy, AR 72143. A visitation will be Friday, May 2 in Yancey Hall at Searcy First United Methodist Church from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, May 3 in the Sanctuary at Searcy First United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. Reverend David Orr and Reverend Tony Griffin will be officiating. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ So sorry for your loss I lose my son 1/1/2007 I know the pain you are going thru  
It is one of the worst hurts you will ever endure  
I enjoyed the years at sunbeam/preway/sunlite still laugh about the phone mail from employee I fired that I forwarded to you  
I am think about you

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**Kenny broadway** - May 04, 2016 at 04:39 PM

LJ

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family

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**Lisa Jones-Lane** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

SW

“ Sending up prayers for you and your family.

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**Stephanie Williams** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

CW

“ GOD knows the need ....may rest and understanding be with you always

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**Connie Wilson** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

KB

“ James "Sam" Gadberry

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**Kenny broadway** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. James and I attended college together at the University of Central Arkansas. We were fraternity brothers, and although it's been many years since we spoke, I often have happy memories of our times together. James was a good man to me and all of his friends. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Brent Begin** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your girls.

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**Linda Cole-Whitt** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

AL

“ I am sorry for your loss. I have just heard about your loss and wanted to let you know that you guys are in my prayers. Sam was always a nice guy and got along with everybody. He will be truly missed. I pray that God will provide you guys with the strength and peace you will need as you move forward.

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**Angela Lee** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

CH

“ I am sorry it has taken so long to post this, it was very unbelievable to me that he was gone and still is. My heart aches for his parents, his wife Andrea and his girls. He was always my source of strength even after we had not spoken for many years... I hope that one day Andrea, if you haven't already, can pass on to your girls what a tower of strength, intelligence and courage your husband was to all of his friends at UCA. We literally all looked up to him. I pray for you and your daughters to find that strength and let it help in your healing... God bless you.

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**Cindy Hudson** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

IJ

“ James and I did our Army basic training together back in 1988. I recently made it a point to reach out to some of my closest friends during that time of my life. James was at the top of my list so you can imagine the blow I felt when I learned of his passing. He was an exceptional, kind, patient and caring person and we forged a unique bond during that long, hot summer in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. I don't know the circumstances behind his death but this news is tragic and my condolences go out to his family. James, wherever you may be, Rest In Peace old friend and thank you for being a special part of my life. I'm sorry we did not reconnect sooner but someday I'm sure we'll reunite.

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**Israel Juarez** - February 10, 2016 at 02:37 PM

DT

“ I knew Sam since we were in elementary school together. My best memories date back to our childhood days at Forrest Hills Elementary through High School. We lost touch after High School but regained our friendship at UCA. Andrea my prayers go out to you and your family. Derwin Taylor /FCHS Class of 86

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**Derwin Taylor** - May 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM