



## James Stafford "Red" Steptoe

April 13, 1950 - March 30, 2022

James Stafford Steptoe, 71, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

He was a member of St Paul United Methodist Church.

James was preceded in death by his wife Shawn Johnson Steptoe.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharmaine Steptoe; grandson, Blake Hudson; sisters in laws, Pamela Johnson and Marsha Johnson; brother in law, Gregory Johnson (Mary Etta); 2 nieces; 2 cousins, Bernice Edwards and Hersey Steptoe, a host of friends

Visitation: 9am-11am Friday, April 8, 2022 at A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., funeral service to follow at 11am. Services will be livestream via:<https://vimeo.com/695768610>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Downtown  
1300 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, KY 40203  
(502) 587-9678  
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com  
<https://adporters.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ A D Porter & Sons Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe



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**A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home** - April 04, 2022 at 12:09 PM

JS

“ My mother Nancy and Red went to High School together, and I had heard alot about him. In 2012 I had the chance of speaking with him and we have been good friends since then. It crushed my heart to learn of his passing, and I'm actually looking to get in touch with Sharmaine if anyone knows how, can you email or pass my email on to her.  
Onlyonthepark@gmail.com OI Man, you will forever be missed and always loved

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**Jah Son** - November 20, 2023 at 10:10 PM

MB

“ My former next door neighbor, James Steptoe, may he and Shawn rest in peace. God keep Sharmaine and Blake in his loving care. His family was his heart. MY GOD! WHAT A LOVE STORY! 🥹❤️❤️. He and Shawn died 13 days apart after 40 years of marriage. I think he held on just to see her through to the end and only then did he surrender to his own bad health, on the very day he buried her. Perfect example of “Til death do us part.”

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**madeline brashear** - March 12, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.*



April 07, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Teresa Keown purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.*



**Teresa Keown** - April 07, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.*



April 06, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.*



April 06, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.



April 06, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Crystal Needy purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.



Crystal Needy - April 06, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ Lucy Addison High School Class of 1968 purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.



Lucy Addison High School Class of 1968 - April 05, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Tony and Gerald Wade purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Stafford "Red" Steptoe.



Tony and Gerald Wade - April 05, 2022 at 10:52 AM

GG

“ James was my first friend! We met at church, when we were really young. Our moms were hanging partners, so we hung when they did. So many memories through the years. I will miss you my friend. Sharmaine and Blake, you know the names of two of your heavenly guardian angels. I believe they will be with you always. I too am here for you.

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**Gayle Graves** - April 04, 2022 at 11:07 PM

RJ

“ The Lucy Addison High School Class of 1968 wish to convey our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the family of our classmate James s. "RED" Steptoe. "RED" was a very popular in school he was in D.E.C.A., The Baseball Team, The TRI HI Y, and The Valiants Social Club who's motto was "A True Representation of Soul and Prestige "

*in his conversations he would always say "I had a Good Run"! BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER "RED"!!*

*May God put his loving arms around this family and give you peace now and in the days and months to come.*

**WE LOVE YOU ALL.**

**SINCERELY YOUR CLASSMATES OF L**

**A.H.S CLASS OF 1968 IN ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.**

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**Ruth H. JONE** - April 04, 2022 at 11:03 AM

MB

*That sounds just like James! I can just see and hear him saying that and it gives me comfort. Thank you for your remarks. I used to live next door to him and Shawn in Louisville, Ky. We thought a lot of the Steptoes.*

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**madeline brashear** - March 11, 2023 at 03:57 AM

MT

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of my high school and college classmate James Red Steptoe. We shared some funny and serious stories traveling to and from Norfolk. May he rest in heavenly peace.

Michael Terry - April 02, 2022 at 11:32 AM

HD

“ My condolences James "Red" Steptoe's family. I went to high school with Red. He was quite a character. He will be remembered. We all have "red" stories to tell. Our class will miss you brother,.

Herbert Dunnville - April 01, 2022 at 02:04 PM

JW

“ James was a friend and an honorable man! Always his family came first, it was a great joy to see him when I would go to work at Walmart in garden center. he was a voice of wisdom when I needed it and a true friend to the end. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and Gof's healing hands are upon you! That will be your comfort

judy west - April 01, 2022 at 10:50 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss God will Guilderland your path, hold on to your family. Red was a good person Shawn and red was a good. Love you ms. DOROTHY



Dorothy Horne - March 31, 2022 at 08:40 PM

JA

“ I worked with James at Walmart for a few years. During those years, he made a huge impact on my life. He was quick to tell it like it is, but was also the first one willing to help anyone in need. I will miss seeing him when I visit Walmart, and catching up on things happening in life. I want his family to know how much he loved all of you. You all were the light of his life. I'm sending so many prayers & love. May you find peace in knowing that you'll see him again one day.

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**Jamie** - March 31, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MH

“ My prayers go out to sharmaine and her son I am so sorry for your loss. Two angels always watching over you. Love always ms Dorothy and Michelle we love you ❤️

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**michelle horne** - March 31, 2022 at 06:09 PM

JW

*rest in peace johnnys fruit market*

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**johnny welch** - April 05, 2022 at 07:50 AM