



James Steele Thompson,

March 31, 1946 - December 21, 2012

James Steele "Jimmy" Thompson, Jr. of Nashville, Tn., passed away December 21, 2012 in Kennett, Missouri doing what he loved most hunting waterfowl. He was born on March 31, 1946 in Pulaski, Tennessee and was 66 old. He was a self employed insurance agent.

A memorial service will be held at the Calvary United Methodist in Nashville, TN. at 2 o'clock Thursday, December 27, 2012 .

A graveside service will be 2 o'clock Friday, December 28, 2012, at the Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, TN.

He is survived by his son Jimmy (Michelle)Thompson. Grandchildren Katherine and Kelsey of Fl. Sister Lynne (Steve) Street of Ardmore, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents James Steele and Christine Short Thompson and sisters Amelia (Mimi) Thompson Leeper and Fay Thompson Bass.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for James Steele Thompson, Jr.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and I have been decoy collecting friends for many years. My favorite memory of him occurred in April 1986 at the Decoy auction in St Charles, IL during the Midwest Decoy Show. We were conversing before the auction and a man came up and said, "Sir, Do you collect decoys?"
Jim replied, "Yes"
The man asked, "How long have you been collecting?"
Jim replied, "Several years."
"Are there any in the auction that interest you?"
Jim said, "There are a few I am considering."
"Which ones?"
Since one doesn't discuss bidding with strangers, Jim replied, "I'd rather not say."
The man said, "Thank you! Governor." and walked away.
Jim turned to me and said. "What's was that all about?"
I replied your name tag says JIM THOMPSON who is currently the governor of the great state of Illinois and you bear a striking resemblance to him.
From then on I referred to him as governor and on the day of his death I received his annual Christmas card signed, "the Gov".
The decoy and duck calling world will miss him greatly and I consider it the loss of a great friend and reservoir of knowledge.

Eleanor Mosca - La Jolla, CA - decoy collector friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go to the family. Jim was a good friend and he will be missed.

Mike Pahl - Pickerington, OH - friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

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“ I met Jim maybe 20 years ago thru the Callmakers and Collectors Assoc. We would meet up at St. Charles Illinois and Reelfoot Lake and occasionally talk on the phone. Jim always had a story or two to share, a fun guy with a good sense of humour and enthusiasm for life. Sorry to hear of his passing but apparently was doing what he loved when he left us.

Gerald Droge - Anna, IL - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

RH

“ He will be missed. He was the Duck Commander of Cheatham Wildlife Managed Area.

Ron & Jon Carrier - TN - Fellow Cheatham WMA Duck Hunters - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM

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“ We have such fond memories of Jim. He was a fixture at the decoy shows and auctions. His broad smile and firm handshake at each meeting will be missed by us and many others as well. Our heartfelt sympathy to you all. You are in our thoughts. Ted and Judy Harmon

Ted and Judy Harmon - West Barnstable, MA - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:44 PM