



# James Lewis Mebane

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**J**ames L. Mebane Jr. departed this life on Friday April 17, 2015.

He lived everyday as an adventure while having a positive impact on many people's lives.

His memory will be cherished by family, friends and others that had the privilege of knowing him.

**JAMES L. MEBANE'S**

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

Word Assembly Baptist Church

2333 Harrison St., Oakland, 94621

Free Parking off 23rd and Valdez Street – must use fenced parking lot – entrance is on Valdez Street

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of James L. Mebane

<https://donate.lls.org/lls/>

Repast immediately following the Service

**WATERFRONT HOTEL – JACK LONDON SQUARE – OAKLAND**

Spinnaker Ballroom

10 Washington Street, Oakland, 94607

Public Parking Available – Washington & Embarcadero (across from the Jack London Theatre)



## Tribute Wall

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LM

**Linda Moss** posted:

James Mebane...he was a kind hearted funny and loving person. I will also remember him being the life of the party. I will always remember how when my daughter Stacey was a little girl he told her to give him some suga and she said no that it was her daddy's suga and he picked her up and gave her a kiss on the cheek and said to her to tell her daddy that James Mebane took some of his suga. To this day we laugh about and remember fond memories of that time and many more. You will always hold a special place in our hearts my brother. May your soul rest in peace . I know you are up there cut it up, especially with Mr Miller. He loved him some James Mebane!!!

May 23 at 10:04 AM

JD

**Juliette Dunn** posted:

James was and is a special light in all of our lives. He made my Mom laugh at the Scotlan Christmas parties every year. When she passed he came by with beautiful flowers and that big smile. I can say my sister and I never felt so good in our grief. He talked for an hour straight and we laughed and remembered mom. He made her passing tolerable. He is truly a gift and I will cherish all the smiles he gave us.Juliette Dunn

May 18 at 11:06 AM

SM

**Steve McClure** posted:

I didn't know James well, that is to say I had met him on a couple of different occasions at social gatherings. But James was the kind of person you didn't need to know well to like him. In fact, he epitomized that rare character and personality that was instantly likeable. You knew from the moment you shook his hand and exchanged greetings that if circumstances allowed, here was a friendship in the making. We never became great friends and that is my loss. I know Jeannette much better (James was smart enough to marry her but, I was smart enough to hire her) as we have been coworkers at the Bank for many years and it deeply saddens me that she will not be sharing this next phase of her life with James. My heartfelt condolences to you Jeannette and your family. You are in my prayers.Steve McClure

May 16 at 8:05 AM



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RS

**Robert Scotlan** posted:

To the Mebane Family I met James in 1975. We had just moved to Union City and didn't know anyone. Tom our neighbor had a house warming party where we met James and Jeanette. We hit it off and became crazy good friends immediately. We were attached at the hip and I thought I was special, but as everyone knows James made everyone feel special. The dump runs, yard work with all the neighbors, Cattlemens, the basketball team, weekend parties, trips to Tahoe (Temptations), James meeting Patricia's Father and 1000 other memories that I can share. James was very special, my Mother loved James as well as my sisters. James embraced everybody with open arms and treated everyone like family. We will miss James deeply and I am a better person because of James. RIP my good friend Robert and Patricia Scotlan

April 25 at 3:09 AM

EB

**Edward And Sherry Bach** posted:

Dear Jeannette and Family – Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find peace with all the love and memories you have together! Sincerely, Edward and Sherry Bach

April 24 at 5:38 AM

BK

**Bill Kennedy** posted:

I never met James but had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jeanette for a number of years. Jeanette was certainly someone who made an impact on my life and I can imagine by association James was an extraordinary person as well. As I read some of the other posts it became obvious to me that he was a remarkable man who deeply cared about his family and those whose life he touched. We are truly lucky when special people like Jeanette and James become part of our life experience. Our deepest condolences to Jeanette and the Mebane family. May the many memories of this special man provide solace during this difficult time. Bill & Deb Kennedy

April 24 at 3:19 AM

JM

**Janet McMahon** posted:

Jeannette, so very sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept my condolences, and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Bible offers us the hope of the resurrection, and that's a promise from a God who cannot lie. This is indeed a great comfort for us all. Janet McMahon

April 24 at 2:53 AM



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LC

**Liz Cano** posted:

Dear Jeanette and Family, Extending our deepest condolences on Jame's passing. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. The Cano-Espinoza Family Liz, Jerry, Eliana, Abel and Maribel

April 23 at 12:39 PM

BH

**Bertha Hamilton** posted:

I am Jeanette Mebane's coworker and my heart is sad for her and her family. I didn't have the opportunity to know Mr. Mebane but working with Jeanette, I'm sure he was a delight and a caring person, just like her. May he rest in peace now in the presence of our Lord. I will keep praying for all.

April 23 at 10:18 AM

JS

**Jessie & Albertha Stoney** posted:

Jeanette, James, Jamal & Family, I know your hearts are heavy as are ours. He will always be a part of every life that he touched, and you know there where many. A very fun loving person that was truly a joy to be around. We've been like family for the past forty years and its so very hard to see him go, but as God would have it, it was his time to leave us, but just for a while, for we will all see each other again and what a glorious time it will be. We all loved James so very much, but he belonged to God and He needed him there with Him. RIP The Stoney Family Jessie, Bert, James & Sean

April 23 at 9:50 AM

WL

**William Loveland** posted:

Dear Jeanette and Family, We have been very saddened to hear of James's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this extremely difficult time. Sincerely, Bill, Kitsi and Jeff Loveland

April 23 at 7:00 AM

AR

**Aikisha Reeves** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James Lewis Mebane

April 23 at 5:21 AM



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GH

**Gussie Hampton** posted:

To the Mebane Family: My heartfelt condolences goes out to you doing this difficult time. Our Friend and Buddy has moved on to higher grounds to be with the Master, we will always hold him so dear in our heart for he touched and grace our lives with such memories that we will cherish forever. Jeanette, may God bring some comfort and peaceto you as you prepare to say See You Later! Gussie and Dave

April 22 at 8:13 AM

HH

**Howard Van Horn** posted:

We always remember James as a fun person with a BIG heart for his family and friends. His loving marriage with Jeanette and his obvious love for his grand kids should be used as a great example for all of us to live by. Our loving heartfelt condolences to Jeanette and family. RIPHoward & Shirley Van Horn

April 22 at 4:21 AM

DC

**Duane (Wd) Clark** posted:

I worked with James a lot out of San Jose. He always lifted my spirits on those otherwise depressing jobs.

April 21 at 5:24 PM

TP

**Tamani Powell** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family as you mourn the loss of Mr. Mebane. I am saddened for you but know that faith in God will bring you through. Tamani Powell

April 21 at 12:51 PM

SB

**Shani Brown** posted:

James, Thinking and praying for you and your family. My heart hurts for you! Shani Brown

April 21 at 12:12 PM



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PM

**Peggie A. Matthewd** posted:

My dear friend, I cherish our memories. Rest in piece. Fondly, Peggie A. Matthews (Smith).

April 21 at 11:53 AM

EW

**E.J. Wyatt** posted:

On behalf of UTU Local 0239, Oakland, Ca., my father James H. Wyatt, and myself, I would like to send our deepest, heartfelt, condolences to the Mebane family. We are all truly saddened for the loss of such a fine gentleman.

April 21 at 6:15 AM

PS

**Phyllis D Spencer** posted:

James, My condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time of losing your father. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Phyllis D. Spencer

April 21 at 5:53 AM

RU

**Ruth** posted:

James, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Ruth Steidinger

April 21 at 4:11 AM

SS

**Sonya Stephens** posted:

James, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that I will keep you and your family in my deepest thoughts while praying for comfort during this difficult time. Sincerely, Sonya Stephens

April 21 at 3:30 AM

SA

**Shirley Alston** posted:

Sent a gift in memory of James Lewis Mebane

April 20 at 12:23 PM



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AG

**Anthony And Miranda Garner** posted:

I have known Jr. for a long time, I believe I was about 5 years old. We lived in Mt.Tabor and they lived down the road. When Jr. was not at home he was at our house (Lol). I never knew his real name until now. It was always Jr.... We will be praying for the family.

April 20 at 10:07 AM

FM

**Frank Martin** posted:

James was the Conductor who I enjoyed working with the most. Even better he was a friend. Even though we both worked out of Oakland I think we first met in the early 80's at Taylor Yard in LA when we couldn't hold a job in Oakland. I worked as his Engineer on a terrible job at Warm Springs for quite a long time around the time of the Earthquake. I think he had recently moved to Hayward from Fremont and we talked about it and how he really wanted his sons to be raised in a safer environment. I never forgot that and gained such great admiration for him as a man. We worked the most miserable job together that could ever be imagined but we had fun. He kept talking about I think it was a stove he had to move so one day after working twelve hours I went to his house with him to move it before driving home. I had a rather old car and he made sure I parked in the Street rather than the driveway because his wife would be upset if it dropped any oil in the driveway. When I got injured in India in 2001 he called my wife to make sure I was ok. I will miss him dearly. My deepest condolences to his wife and sons. He was such a fine person who I will never forget.

April 20 at 9:04 AM

RM

**Rev. Eugene Moore** posted:

Barbara this is gene moore it really hurt me to hear about Jr you know we were like brothers we grew up together did a lot of things together we played every day I'm really gonna miss Jr my heart go out for you if I can do anything let me know. Love In Christ!!!

April 19 at 4:45 PM

RM

**Rev. Eugene Moore** posted:

We love you and is praying for you

April 19 at 4:35 PM



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**Rev. Eugene Moore** posted:

barbara I'm so sorry to hear about Jr this is Jene moore you know we grew up together play together stay with one another we travel together me and junior was just like brothers my heart goes out for you'll anything I can do let me know

April 19 at 4:28 PM

LA

**Leon & Pamela Angel** posted:

James (aka Hoss Meat), Best friends for 48 years. Best man at our wedding, Godfather to our sons Derek and Demond. There are so many wonderful Memories that we shared with James, Jeanette, Jimmy and Jamal. You are our family ordained by God and we love you all so much and we are feeling the pain and loss of our brother along with you. Although our hearts are broken right now, we know that James loved the Lord and we will meet again one day on the other side. We are continously praying for your comfort and strength. With all of our love. Leon & Pam Angel

April 19 at 5:34 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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