



James O. "Shotgun" Steward

September 8, 1933 - September 22, 2025

Funeral services will be held at 1pm Thursday, September 25th, 2025, at Village Chapel Funeral Home, for James O. "Shotgun" Steward, 92, of Gadsden, who died on Monday, September 22nd, 2025. Rev. Buddy O'Bryant and Tim Choates will officiate. Burial will follow at Crestwood Cemetery.

He worked at Republic Steel for 35 years, Gadsden Times for 10 years, and also owned a plumbing company and a lawn care service. After retirement, he cut grass for the elderly. He loved Alabama Football, John Wayne, and James Bond movies. He was also an Eagle Scout, Air Scout, and the greatest local historian. James had a special place in his heart for all animals, especially all of his pets.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Fannie Steward; wife, Mildred Steward; brother, Jerry Steward; infant son, Dewey Frank Steward; sons, Spud Steward and Tommy Slaton; grandson, James Williams; and beloved pets, Odie, Millie, Rocky, and Nala.

James is survived by his daughter, Sarah (Robert) Lea; son, Gary Steward; sister, Kathleen Gray; special God-given daughter, Nancy Grant; very special friend, Judy Mitchell; grandsons, Chad Williams, Jim Steward, Jeremy Steward, Chris Steward, and Billy Steward; granddaughters, Amy Robertson, Kim Clemmons, and Lori Burchell; 6 nieces, 6 nephews, 16 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Special thanks to the staff of Amedisys Hospice Care, especially nurses,

Hannah, Sommer, and Dayne.

The family will receive friends from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at Village Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ There are people who walk into our lives and leave a footprints on our hearts forever. He wasn't just my best friend's father-he became mine too. He took me in with open arms and an open heart,treating me like a daughter in every way that mattered. He once said he would adopted me if people would not talk-and in that very moment, I knew I was truly loved.

Pops never miss a birthday, I always received a hug hello and goodbye. He thoughtfulness and consistency were unmatched. He lived 92 beautiful years, and life was good to him because he was good to life. He gave love freely, spoke with kindness, and treated everyone with dignity.

To know pops was to know grace, strength and quiet generosity. He was a good man one of the best. And though he may not longer be here in body , his spirit lives on in every memory. I am FOREVER grateful for the LOVE he gave me and the place he holds in my heart.

Rest in peace now . I love you always pop.

Nancy Grant - September 24, 2025 at 10:59 AM

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“ Pops I am truly going to miss you I keep looking down the hall into your room it's just not going to be the same without you here I love you and will miss you always your baby girl Sarah



Sarah Lea - September 24, 2025 at 01:49 AM

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“ Sarah Lea lit a candle in memory of James O. "Shotgun" Steward



Sarah Lea - September 24, 2025 at 01:45 AM

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My dad was the smartest sweetest and kindest man I had ever met my heart is always going to be avoid now without him here with me he's been my best friend for so many years rest in peace pops

Sarah Lea - September 24, 2025 at 01:46 AM

RL

The best friend and father in law I miss already love you pops

Robert Les - September 24, 2025 at 01:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James O. "Shotgun" Steward.

September 23, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James O. "Shotgun" Steward.



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“ I was very young when I first met Jimmy he was married to my cousin Mikdred and I remember he always had a cigar and a huge smile he loved it when my Daddy started telling his funny stories he will be missed

Brenda McGriff - September 23, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ He was the father I never had, he was very educated in life and always gave me his opinions in away I always listened and believed. He was a total gentleman, kind, caring, giving and always took care of his children, even when they are grown and moved away. He regretted working so much when they were growing up but thankful he did throw the years because he always had the money to help them in any situation, Giving money to them was his way of showing his love. IWILL ALWAYS BE GREATFUL FOR BEING GIVEN THE OPERTUNITY TO HAVE MET HIM AND GOT TO KNOW HIM, HE WAS SPECIAL AND I WILL ALWAYS MISS HIM AND LOVE HIM. REST NOW JAMES.

Judy Mitchell - September 23, 2025 at 06:11 PM