



## Aaron Steven James

October 12, 1980 - July 16, 2025

Dateline: Granite City, IL

Aaron Steven James, 44, died at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Gateway Regional Hospital. He was born October 12, 1980 in Alton, the son of John "Skip" and Marilyn (Fessler) James of Godfrey. He worked as a concrete cement mason for OPIC Local #90. On October 14, 2016 in Alton, he married Venus Williams, and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Brooke James of Godfrey, two stepdaughters, Fallon Beckett, India Beckett, one son, Jesse James of Godfrey, and two stepsons, Jerryd Beckett and Delancey Smith, twelve step grandchildren and one brother, Brian James (Angela) and their children, Madeline and Eli James of Paducah, KY. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Tom Olney and Reverend Jon Tyler will officiate. Memorial may be made to the family for his children's educational funds. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ Rob lit a candle in memory of Aaron Steven James



Rob - July 20, 2025 at 08:45 AM

RO

“ From a friend and neighbor, you have my condolences 🙏. I already miss seeing Aaron everyday always out playing with his dog Chase and keeping busy working on his yard. I really liked Aaron and wish I knew him longer. He was a great guy! Rest in peace my friend.

Rob - July 20, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ Todd Chrissy Beckwith lit a candle in memory of Aaron Steven James



Todd Chrissy Beckwith - July 20, 2025 at 01:00 AM

MK

“ Mike and Norma Kallal purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Aaron Steven James.



Mike and Norma Kallal - July 19, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TM

“ Terri Morgan lit a candle in memory of Aaron Steven James



Terri Morgan - July 18, 2025 at 07:26 PM

TM

“ Skip and Marilyn, Jesse and Brooke and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Terri Morgan - July 18, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JW

“ Memories of Aaron, so many, the great smile and always gave me a big hug. When we lived on Tremont around the corner from him, sometimes he would come over and sit on my front steps and just talk, I miss you Aaron James, fly high with the angels 🙏💕💕

Janet Williams - July 18, 2025 at 05:54 PM

RL

“ Sorry for your loss of Aaron, Marilyn and Skip.

Rosemary Lando - July 18, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DY

“ Dawn younger purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Aaron Steven James.



Dawn younger - July 18, 2025 at 04:05 PM