



James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr.

September 3, 1948 - September 15, 2018

James Edward "Sonny" Dawson Jr. passed away peacefully on September 15, 2018 at the age of 70, surrounded by family. He was born September 3, 1948 in Kansas City, MO shortly before his family moved to Miami, Florida. Miami is where he met the love of his life Julianna "Judy" Dawson, to which he was married for 48 years. They moved in 1972 to Birmingham, Alabama to what was considered at the time the epicenter of stock car racing. Auto racing was his true passion, and he would race for the next 20 years. His most proud accomplishment came in 2014, when he was inducted into The Alabama Auto Racing Pioneers Hall Of Fame. He opened Sonny Dawson Auto Sales in 1978 and would continue to operate it for the next 40 years until his passing. Sonny never met a stranger, and had the ability to light up a room with his personality. Never being lost for words and loving to laugh, he will certainly be missed by many. He loved his family to the fullest and never missed an opportunity to tell

them he loved them. He is survived by his wife Judy Dawson, three sons, J.E. (Melaine), Lonnie (Leslie), Billy (Laura), and his six Grandchildren which he loved unconditionally. They meant the world to him. The arrangement are as follows: McCalla Memorial Funeral Home Saturday, September 22, 2018, Visitation beginning at 4 P.M.with the Memorial Service beginning at 5 P.M

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mark & Misty Busic purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..*



Mark & Misty Busic - September 22, 2018 at 12:23 AM

TB

“ *The Flemings- Chris, Karlin, Christian, and Blake purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..*



The Flemings- Chris, Karlin, Christian, and Blake -
September 21, 2018 at 07:09 PM

BF

“ *butch and tracy franklin purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..*



butch and tracy franklin - September 21, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - September 20, 2018 at 02:36 PM

RJ

“ Roger & Vicki Jeffreys purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..



Roger & Vicki Jeffreys - September 19, 2018 at 03:37 PM

AF

“ Artale and Nichols family purchased the *Delightful Dieffenbachia* for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..



Artale and Nichols family - September 19, 2018 at 09:53 AM

AT

“ Mrs Dawson & family, I send you my deepest sympathy in the loss of Mr Dawson. That’s how I addressed him each time I saw him. We shared many memories during his time at Dr Gehlsen’s office. We shared the same birthday and I remember calling him every year on our birthday. He was always a funny person and liked to make you laugh. He spoke of his family and grandchildren many times and they were his pride and joy. I know he will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Ann Turner - September 19, 2018 at 08:34 AM

TM

“ The Rosemary Garten Family & Carol Marcks purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James E. "Sonny" Dawson Jr..



The Rosemary Garten Family & Carol Marcks - September 18, 2018 at 01:15 PM