



## James Waylon Gossett

June 5, 2007 - May 10, 2026

James Waylon "Goose" Gossett passed away on May 10, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his uncle: Bryant Jasper "BJ" Dalton, his grandparents: Wessie and Karen "Quick" Webb, his great grandparents: Charles Lovell and Bessie Sue Lovell.

Waylon is survived by his parents Chuck & Bryna Gossett, Newport, brother Jasper Gossett, Newport, grandparents Jim & Kathy Gossett, Newport, Edna (Marty) Hurst, Newport, Bryant (Cathy) Dalton, Sevierville. Uncles: Scott Gossett, Newport, Bryant Jr. (Andrea) Dalton, Dandridge, Aunts: Frances Weeks, Cosby, Melissa (Marco) Galloni, Crossville, Amanda Green, Sevierville, Jerri Hamilton, Sevierville. Special cousins Derek, Gary, Hannah, Megan and Caleb. Special family friends: Arville (Amy) Norton, Derrick (Brittany) Ottinger, Brandy Smallwood, Mike Ottinger and Joe Ottinger, all of Newport.

Waylon was born June 5, 2007 in Knoxville, TN. He came into the world fighting and always had a smile on his face. He was scheduled to graduate CCHS May 16, 2026 and attend MMI in Florida in the fall of this year. Waylon was an active member of Dutch Bottoms Baptist Church and a member of the Centerview Volunteer Fire Department. He was a CTE letterman earning many awards & recognition. He had a love and passion for trucks and motorcycles. Waylon was loved by everyone in the community. He was always the gentle giant ready to help anyone who needed him. He loved his family, friends and hometown.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026 with a Celebration of Life following at 7 p.m. at Dutch Bottoms Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Strange officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to Dutch Bottoms Church.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAY 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dutch Bottoms Baptist Church  
1084 US-25E  
Newport, TN 37821-8302  
(865) 621-7803

## Celebration of Life

MAY 13. 7:00 PM (est)

Dutch Bottom Baptist Church  
1084 US 25 E Scenic  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Judine Oakley lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Judine Oakley** - May 15 at 10:06 PM

JO

“ *To the family and friends of James, my sister and I want you all to know just how sorry we are for your loss. May God be with you and comfort you during this painful time. Fly high sweet boy. Jesus just gained another beautiful angel. I know that there are no words that will help you during this time but you all are in our hearts and prayers. Sending Love and prayers from myself and my sister Kim Smith Worex.*

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**Judine Oakley** - May 15 at 05:53 PM

BB

“ *Waylon was such a great person enjoyed being in church with him praying for his family*

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**becky bailey** - May 14 at 03:13 PM

TG

“ *Prayers for the family and friends of Waylon.*



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**Trisha Gardner** - May 14 at 01:44 PM



“ *Cari Vinson lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Cari Vinson** - May 14 at 06:51 AM

KH

*Yes I was very close to him he went to Dutch bottom Baptist Church full of life he never failed to pat me on the back and tell me he lost me he will be truly missed*

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**Keith Hurley** - May 14 at 03:15 PM

KH

*My heart breaks*

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**Keith Hurley** - May 14 at 03:16 PM

CT

“ *I'm so sorry for ur lose he was a very sweet young man we will be praying for ur family, Best Wish Christina, Tina Trowell, And Josh Norton*

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**Christina Trowell** - May 14 at 02:22 AM

RG

“ *Rhonda Greer sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gossett*



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**Rhonda Greer** - May 13 at 11:02 PM

LP

“ We are so sorry... Our thoughts and prayers with you.

Love, Mike and Penny - May 13 at 09:14 PM

AW

“ Long live Waylon I've known you as long as I can remember bubba you was like an older brother to me you were a great friend but an even better man and an excellent firefighter I'm not only glad to say I knew you but I'm even more glad I had the chance to fight alongside you with centerview fire



Alek Ronald Williams - May 13 at 07:57 PM

CD

“ Chelsea Douglas lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Chelsea Douglas - May 13 at 05:59 PM

LL

“ Bryna, Chuck, Jasper and family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts for you all.

Lora Loveday-Coggins - May 13 at 05:38 PM

KA

“ Prayers for the family.  
Donnie Padgett

kari - May 13 at 05:00 PM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts & prayers  
with you all  
Love Randy & Melanie Hefner



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**melanie hefner** - May 13 at 03:33 PM

JL

“ Prayers for the family. Waylon will be missed.



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**Jeff and Tanya Long** - May 13 at 03:17 PM

CM

“ Condolences from the McGahas our warm thoughts and prayers are  
with you at this time.

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**Christian McGaha** - May 13 at 03:07 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers and love for you all!  
Tim, MaShae, Amin, & Aaron Cody

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**MaShea Cody** - May 13 at 02:54 PM

RB

“ Our hearts go out to you for the loss of Waylon.  
We pray God will send comfort to your family in  
this painful time.  
Richard & Kim Baxter



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**Richard Baxter** - May 13 at 02:34 PM

MG

“ I'm so so very sorry for your loss....sending up  
prayers for you all.



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**Mandy Gilliland** - May 13 at 02:12 PM

LL

“ Syeve and Rita, so sorry to learn about your nephew deaths.we will  
be praying for you and your! Love you :, Lynn and Becky Lane

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**Lynn Lane** - May 13 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ June Russell lit a candle in memory of James  
Gossett



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**June Russell** - May 13 at 08:37 AM

SB

“ So very sorry for your loss Braxten and him grew up together and had many memories like going to the Main Event He always had a smile and laugh for everyone A lovable young man

Sharon Brady - May 13 at 08:21 AM

DV

“ Sorry for you loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️



Dustin&Kyler Davis/Heather&Colton Vance - May 13 at 07:36 AM

RC

Thoughts and prayers with your family. He wad a fine young man! 🙏👍  
🙏❤️❤️

Rita Carter - May 13 at 07:28 PM

DF

“ Davis Family lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Davis Family - May 13 at 07:23 AM

JC

“ *Julie Cummings lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Julie Cummings** - May 13 at 12:45 AM

GW

“ *Gina, Greg, Kam, Tristin, Dereck & Wren purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Waylon Gossett.*



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**Gina, Greg, Kam, Tristin, Dereck & Wren** - May 12 at 10:00 PM

GW

“ *Gina, Greg, Kam, Tristin, Dereck & Wren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Waylon Gossett.*

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**Gina, Greg, Kam, Tristin, Dereck & Wren** - May 12 at 10:00 PM

FS

“ *Fox & Hounds Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Waylon Gossett.*



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**Fox & Hounds Staff** - May 12 at 09:58 PM

SH

“ I had the pleasure of being Waylon’s third and fourth grade teacher. He was such an amazing kid, always polite and kind. I enjoyed talking with him about basically anything that had a motor on it. I hadn’t seen him for a few years, but I can only imagine the young man he became. My deepest sympathies to all his family and friends. He will be deeply missed.

Staci Holt - May 12 at 09:50 PM



“ Brandie Edmonds lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Brandie Edmonds - May 12 at 09:04 PM

MS

“ Love and prayers for comfort to the family. So very sorry for your loss.

Melinda Sane - May 12 at 08:32 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Waylon. He was such a nice young man. I so enjoyed his hugs at Church. He was a blessing to Dutch Bottoms church. Praying for all the family and friends knowing we will see him again. Jesus made that possible.



Deidra Stuart - May 12 at 08:27 PM

RF

“ Rhonda Fine lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Rhonda Fine - May 12 at 08:11 PM

JS

“ Chuck Brynaand Jasper I am so sorry sir you're loss I know that he was a good person because of y'all RIP James Waylon Gosset Sincerely Jennifer Davis Shelton



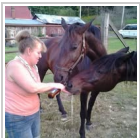
JenniferDavis Shelton - May 12 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ Jason, Danni and Smallwood boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



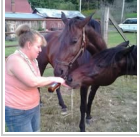
Jason, Danni and Smallwood boys - May 12 at 04:53 PM



“ Lisa Gossett lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Lisa Gossett - May 12 at 04:51 PM



“ *Waylon I remember the day your parents told me you was coming into the world very proud parents who are devastated now. Your smiling and caring face will be sadly missed. I love you all*

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**Lisa Gossett** - May 12 at 04:47 PM

AH

“ *Praying for the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏 sorry for their loss 🌹🕊️🙏*  
*Amanda & Jake Hurst*

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**Amanda & Jake Hursr** - May 12 at 04:39 PM

SP

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Susie Prince** - May 12 at 02:36 PM

FW

“ *Florence Walker lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Florence Walker** - May 12 at 02:32 PM

JC

“ I’m so sorry. My prayers for peace are with all of you. May God wrap you all in his arms and comfort you.

*Jennifer (Kern) Caldwell and family*



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**Jennifer Kern Caldwell** - May 12 at 01:56 PM

VB

“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of your son. I don’t know him or the family but you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. The Bell family. Jeff, Virginia, Jacob, and Keli Bell

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**Virginia Bell** - May 12 at 12:29 PM

FF

“ From the Siler & Carson family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



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**From the Siler & Carson family** - May 12 at 11:00 AM

FF

“ From the Siler & Carson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

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**From the Siler & Carson family** - May 12 at 11:00 AM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family and friends 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️  
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**Debra A Gann** - May 12 at 09:37 AM

NI

“ Nikki lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



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**Nikki** - May 12 at 09:27 AM

AO

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Audrey Owenby** - May 12 at 08:59 AM

NA

“ Nathaniel A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

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**Nathaniel A.** - May 12 at 08:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Waylon Gossett.*



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May 12 at 08:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

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May 12 at 08:29 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences, Paulette, Skyley, Cheyenne , Cherokee Gibson*



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**Paulette Gibson** - May 12 at 08:11 AM



“ *Betty Ricker lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Betty Ricker** - May 12 at 07:29 AM



“ Vernie Bee Strange lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



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Vernie Bee Strange - May 12 at 12:17 AM

LB

“ Sending love and prayers that God will be with you and give you all comfort .I remember working with Waylon in kindergarten such a sweet boy .



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linda blair - May 11 at 11:34 PM

JM

“ Jaxson M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



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Jaxson M. - May 11 at 10:01 PM

JM

“ Jaxson M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

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Jaxson M. - May 11 at 10:01 PM

PH

“ *Our hearts will forever be broken.*

Pamela M Hull - May 11 at 09:01 PM

VN

“ *Prayers 🙏 for the family and friends*

Vick Bert Naillon - May 11 at 08:36 PM

MH

“ *praying for the family. i will miss Waylon ☐🕊.*



Makaylee Hall - May 11 at 07:42 PM

TS

“ *Bryna, Chuck I have no words. I cannot begin to fathom the heartache and sadness in your world right now. 💔 You guys are definitely in my thoughts and prayers.*



Tracey McKeehan Stoltz - May 11 at 07:41 PM

MB

“ *Sending prayers and our deepest condolences 🙏❤*

Marie Brown - May 11 at 07:41 PM

NO

“ Prayers



Nancy Matthews Owens - May 11 at 07:39 PM

NS

“ Brynna and and family, my deepest condolences to you and your family. May the loving arms of God embrace you during this time and in the days ahead

Nora L Self - May 11 at 07:31 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



May 11 at 07:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



May 11 at 07:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

May 11 at 07:05 PM



“ Patricia Webb lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Patricia Webb - May 11 at 06:55 PM



“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏



Debbie Gann - May 11 at 06:32 PM



“ Mellissa Ball Mccarter lit a candle in memory of James Gossett



Mellissa Ball Mccarter - May 11 at 06:25 PM

FF

“ Fairbanks and Warren Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



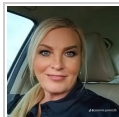
Fairbanks and Warren Family - May 11 at 06:02 PM

SJ

“ Waylon was a former coworker of mine, and a best friend to my son! He was always happy and always had a HUGE smile on his face even when he talked. He was very kind and very sweet. A wonderful human being. There are no words to explain my deepest sympathy for his family, his mother and his father. He will be dearly missed.! My prayers and thoughts go out to his whole entire family and friends.

Rest easy my friend,  
Shannon Jarnigan

Shannon Jarnigan - May 11 at 05:39 PM



Beautifully said Shannon he was in and out of our store all the time rest easy young man many will be missing you .your class mates are greaving your absence already you will be missed by many my condolences to mom, Dad and family, friends ..He was a great young man

Jeannie James - May 11 at 06:38 PM

JL

So so sorry for your loss. Their are no words. Just know i am praying for God to wrap his arms around your family and hold you tight. I truly believe God had something special in heaven for your precious son. Love you and may God be with you.

Joy Large - May 11 at 08:09 PM

RS

*There are simply no words deep enough for the heartbreak of losing someone so young. My heart aches for Waylon's family, friends, and everyone who loved him. Nineteen is far too soon, and no family should ever have to endure such a devastating loss.*

*Please know that so many people are holding you close in their thoughts during this unimaginable time. May you find comfort in the love surrounding you and in the memories of Waylon that will live on forever.*

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**Rhonda Sills** - May 11 at 10:04 PM

CO

*Prayers for Waylon's family. We enjoyed him so much at Dutch Bottom Church . We Love him so much . Rest easy Brother . You will be so Missed*

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**Carol Owen** - May 12 at 09:31 AM

GG

“ *Gail Gossett lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**Gail Gossett** - May 11 at 05:37 PM

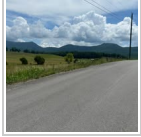
GG

“ *Chuck, Bryan, Jasper, Jim, Cathy the entire family and multitude of friends. My heart hurts for you all. Words aren't enough to convey my deepest condolences. I love you guys! I'd I can help any one in Any way please don't hesitate to reach out. Continued prayers for the coming days.*

*Gail Gossett*

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**Gail Gossett** - May 11 at 05:36 PM



“ *BobbyandGail Clevenger lit a candle in memory of James Gossett*



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**BobbyandGail Clevenger** - May 11 at 05:30 PM



“ *My heart breaks for you all..Just know I love you and I'm praying for you..*



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**Pat Evans Larry Stephenson** - May 11 at 05:23 PM



“ *I'm so so sorry to hear about this u all are in my prayers sending love Dawn Ball*



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**Elizabeth DawnBall** - May 11 at 05:09 PM



“ *Bryan and Donna Owenby send our condolences. Our prayers are for the family. RIP sweet boy.*



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**Bryan & Donna Owenby** - May 11 at 04:38 PM

KP

“ I am asking my Lord and Savior to give sweet Bryna and Francis, Jasper, his daddy, and all his family! I was blessed to teach Waylon. One of the most respectful kiddos I ever taught. His momma did a phenomenal job teaching him love, respect, and he loved the Lord! He went to church with me and hugged me every Sunday night. I forever will miss you and see you at that gate Waylon! Miss Kara loves you forever. God bless you Bryna. I am praying for your strength! 🙏

Kara Ford Patterson - May 11 at 03:38 PM

RE

“ Regan&Austin purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



Regan&Austin - May 11 at 03:22 PM

DP

“ My thoughts & prayers go out to each you during this time. May you find comfort in your fondest memories of Waylon.



Debbie (Helton) Perry - May 11 at 02:15 PM

PW

“ Patricia Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gossett



Patricia Webb - May 11 at 02:11 PM

WF

“ Weeks and Grant family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



Weeks and Grant family - May 11 at 02:09 PM

HB

“ Such a sweet soul 💕



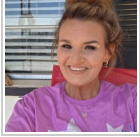
Hayley Brooks - May 11 at 01:39 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. Many prayers

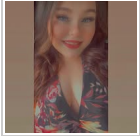


Randy and Sandy Hurley - May 11 at 01:32 PM



“ We are so sorry. Sending our thoughts love and prayers for you all.  
May God comfort you always.  
Deepest Sympathy,  
Adam ,Natasha Hartsell and Family.

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**Natasha Hartsell** - May 11 at 01:22 PM



“ Maddy Clevenger lit a candle in memory of  
James Gossett



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**Maddy Clevenger** - May 11 at 01:05 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort.

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**Dwayne Breeden** - May 11 at 12:56 PM

MG

I'm so sorry for yalls loss. Sending prayers.

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**Marcie Gunter** - May 11 at 07:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of James Waylon Gossett.



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May 11 at 12:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Waylon Gossett.

May 11 at 12:33 PM



“ We cherish the memories of Waylon from the time he was a sweet loving child, all of the I love you's and hugs will never be forgotten especially the hugs and I love you a couple days before the Lord called him home you are a special young man at rest with the Lord we won't say goodbye just see you again very soon Uncle Steve and Aunt Rita



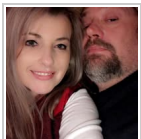
Rita gossett - May 11 at 12:26 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Waylon Gossett.



May 11 at 11:32 AM



“ My heart is so heavy for this family! Praying the Lord wraps them in comfort during this tragic time.

Rebecca Clabough - May 11 at 10:51 AM