



JAMES EDWARD DYAS

June 14, 1944 - April 23, 2023

DYAS, James Edward, age 78, passed away April 23, 2023 at his home after a hard-fought battle to live. He was born June 16, 1944 in Middletown, Ohio. Jim graduated from Franklin High School in 1963 and then served in the United States Air Force for two years. He worked for the Teamsters for many years, but his true passion was training horses and riders in multiple disciplines. He was a successful showman and helped make many horses and riders champions. Jim faced many setbacks but never let them get him down. He enjoyed riding his recumbent trike with his longtime friends and stayed active training horses and riders until his death. He is preceded in death by his father Omer "Hoppy" Dyas; his mother Dorothy L. Moore Timberman; brother Lewis "Butch" Dyas; sister Janice Dyas; and step-sister Mary Lou Engle. He is survived by step-son Chris (Michelle) Stewart; step-daughter Marty (John) Scaggs; step-granddaughter, Emily Stewart, step-sister, Kay Taylor, dear friend, Judith Pendleton, and many other friends. A graveside service and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences for family and friends be sent to www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Marti Skaggs lit a candle in memory of
JAMES EDWARD DYAS*



Marti Skaggs - April 30, 2023 at 05:49 AM

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Lighting a candle in his memory. He reconnected with my Mom Peggy around 1998 at an FHS class of 63 reunion. 4 years after our father suddenly passed away. They married in 2005. Jim knew we missed our Dad and he never tried to step in as a Dad. He was just a good friend. That's what we needed. When Mom passed suddenly in 2019 Jim continued to be our friend and helped us navigate through the grief. He found love again after Mom with his longtime friend Judi. He will be greatly missed.

Marti Skaggs - April 30, 2023 at 05:59 AM

JE

“ *I met Jim many years ago to get help with my horse. Well, really help for me so I could ride my horse. I always wished I had a quarter for the many times he told me to sit back or you'll be the first one on the scene. Many years later, I owe a special tribute to Jim, a great horseman and friend for the immense pleasure I have with my horses. I miss you already friend.*

Jan Estle

Jan Estle - April 27, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JA

“ Jim Dyas was preceded in death by his wife Peggy Sue, they were wed 14 years. My kids had lots of fun with Jim as they were growing up, he was constantly “razzing” them! He treated them as if they were his own grandchildren, and he will be missed.

julie agee - April 27, 2023 at 05:41 PM

LW

“ Jim,

Thank you (and Jamie) for always being so kind to me while I showed the Quarter Horse circuit. My own father was not a positive role model and supporter, so your kind words meant a lot to me. I know how much you were and will continued to be valued and missed in the horse community.

Until we meet, keep your heels down and hold on!!

With much sincerity,

Lora Willis-Watson

Lora Willis-Watson - April 27, 2023 at 12:15 AM