

James Manning Cureton Sr.

September 18, 1948 - September 24, 2021

James Manning Cureton Sr., age 73, of Marion, formerly of Forrest City, died Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Baptist Memorial Hospital Crittenden in West Memphis, Arkansas. His death came sudden and unexpected.

Mr. Cureton was born September 18, 1948, in Forrest City, and was the son of James Ellis Cureton and Thedral Conlee Cureton. He lived in St. Francis County most of his life, was retired from Gray's Service Center, was a Veteran of the Navy, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was well known and very proud of the stories about his baseball and football ability while he was growing up.

Mr. Cureton married Edna Wildberger in 1983, and she survives him along with two sons; James Manning Cureton Jr., and wife, Regina, of Enola, Arkansas, and John Ellis Cureton of Marion, one daughter, Christy Rybard, and husband, Chad, of Hot Springs, and three grandchildren; Victoria Grace Rybard, John Frazier Rybard, and James Michael Cureton.

Services for Mr. Cureton will be held Graveside, 11:00 A.M., Thursday, at the Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. Visitation will be Wednesday evening, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-5400
info@stevensfuneralhome.net
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Interment

SEP 30 (CT)

Forrest Park
Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Manning was the ultimate gentleman. Truly a great man. Blessings to his family. Kathi Martin*



Kathi Martin - September 30, 2021 at 11:12 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear. Used to look so forward to watching him play baseball. Prayers for the family.*

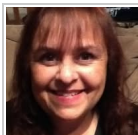
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Marilyn Boggus - September 29, 2021 at 06:45 PM

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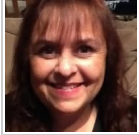
“ *Long time friend. Your Dad gave me and my other 3 sisters our first jobs. Went to school with his brother Mike. Love the whole family. The sweetest ever. God rest your soul. Prayers for all the family. Stella Stidham Blundell.*

Stella Stidham Blundell. - September 29, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and comfort for your family. Our family grew up a couple of houses down the street from Manning and his family. He was a good friend back in the good old days. He was always so nice and had such a wonderful smile. Kathy (Penna) Ford*

Kathy Ford - September 29, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Kathy Ford lit a candle in memory of James Manning Cureton Sr.*



Kathy Ford - September 29, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *I will never forget growing up and spending Christmases and summers in Forrest City with a our Conlee family. Manning was a star, not only in athletics, but in every facet of his life. He was always clever, and aged gracefully with wisdom and quick humor. I'm so anxious to get to heaven and see our Saviour and all our loved ones. Love you Ace!*

Deborah Conlee - September 28, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Manning Cureton Sr..*



September 28, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *I will miss Manning he was such a special person and a friend so sorry John and the family*

Virginia Luker - September 28, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ *Manning was a wonderful father and a dear friend. I will miss our conversations of our children and the good advice he gave. The pictures of him and the grandchildren fishing together a few weeks ago is one of my most favorite memories.*

Judy Frazier Southerland - September 28, 2021 at 01:09 PM