



## James Downey

December 25, 1958 - January 24, 2012

Mr. James Michael Downey age 53, of Palestine died Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Forrest City Medical Center.

Mr. Downey was born December 25, 1958 in Lynn, Massachusetts. He was the son of Charles Downey and Laureen Wayman. Mr. Downey was a veteran of the Navy and was a teacher at the Helena-West Helena High School. He was a member of the Arkansas Education Association and was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Downey married Pamela Gwathney in 2000. She survives him along with a son David Downey of Florida; his mother Laureen Wayman of Lynn, Massachusetts and a sister Laurel Ashe also of Lynn.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 12:00. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association. Visit online registry at [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net). Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ A warrior rests. I appreciate everything Jim did for his profession and for me, personally, in the short time we were friends. His vision transcended the present, and his heart took in more than it could hold. My condolences to all those left behind at his own home & school. We can never be the same since meeting this man. Peace, Jim.

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**Robin Kuykendall** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

NF

“ We at H&R Block-Columbia Plaza send our heartfelt condolences and are praying for you and your family.  
God bless you all!  
Love,  
H&R block

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**Noemi Flores** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

FI

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family, Jim was a ture advocate for Public Education ahs the rights of Public Education Employees, He will be surely missed

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**Frank L. Shaw III** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

KC

“ I was v3ry sorry to hear about Jim. I taught with him for several years at Central. He always had an encouraging word. I was saddened to learn of his death. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this diffcult time.

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**Kay Calhoun** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MA

“ Jimmy,  
*I miss you and Love you Much! Know you can live with out years of painful memories of things!! You are an "ANGEL" and always have been! Spread your wings and FLY HIGH! Just to let you kow Jimmy loves Mariann (the song) and Mariann will always love her Big Brother Jimmy!!! Meet at the gates when it is my turn! Please watch over Pam and Laurel at all times!!*

*I love you & R.I.P.*

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**Mar** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

TD

“ We were saddened to hear that Jimmy had passed away. Jim was Terry's first nephew and Terry was present at his birth. He was Alice's first grandchild. We will miss hearing about his adventures.  
*Love Auntie and Grammy Downey*

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**terry downey and alice downey** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

AC

“ *Mr. Downey was my teacher for my 10th grade year. He was a very great teacher. When I was going through rough times, he would write me poems and I would take them home and read them over and over. He will be very much missed. My condolences to the family.*

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**Amanda Carr** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

RA

“ *Uncle Jimmy you will be deeply missed. You will never be far from our minds nor hearts.*

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**Reenie Ashe** - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM