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**JAMES RAY ARRINGTON**

July 8, 1940 ~ December 13, 2022

  
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*One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.  
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most  
troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."  
He whispered, "My precious child,  
I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."*



**James Ray Arrington, 82, of Sherwood, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather was called home on Saturday, December 3, 2022. He was born in Bayou Meto, Arkansas on July 8, 1940 to Carol and Bertie Arrington. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Rita, brother Bill and sister Suzie.**

**He is survived by his two daughters Tami Henderson (PJ) and Debi Arrington, step-daughter Kelly Cutler (Chris), five grandchildren: Chris Wilkins (Megan), Courtney May (JJ), Justin Henderson, Lex Cutler, Shane Raper, and eight great-grandchildren.**

**The family would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Diana Moreno for the loving care she provided in his final months, the caregivers at the Brooks of Cibolo (especially to "his wonderful Hallie") and his fabulous CNA, CJ Warren.**

**James was a long-time member of First Assembly of God in North Little Rock. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1958 to 1960, was an electrician of IBEW Local 295, and was a wholesale car dealer for 45 years. He had a passion for thoroughbreds, cars, football and the Arkansas Razorbacks.**

**James Ray will be remembered as a loving father and Papaw, a generous giver, and a friend to all. His infectious smile and sense of humor (James-isms) will truly be missed. Visitation will be held from 5:00PM-7:00PM, Friday, December 16th at Smith North Little Rock Funeral Home (1921 Main Street). Funeral service will be at 10AM, Saturday, December 17th at First NLR Assembly of God Church (4501 Burrow Drive), officiated by Pastor Rod Loy. Pallbearers will be Mike Seymour, Wayne Wheaton, Chris Wilkins, JJ May, Justin Henderson and Shane Raper. Burial will be in Rest Hills Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to First NLR Church in memory of James Arrington.**