

JAMES "JIM" BAILEY

1952-2010



James "Jim" "Beetle" Bailey, age 57, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born Sept. 2, 1952 in

Waterloo, Ohio, to George and Ruth Bailey.

James spent the majority of his childhood in Michigan and has spent the last 36 years in the Phoenix area. He was a devout University of Michigan fan who enjoyed being with family and friends. James absolutely loved football, basketball, NASCAR and horse racing. He was the center of entertainment at every gathering and had a sense of humor that would make any person, young or old smile and laugh. Jim had the heart of a hundred men, he was giving, caring and generous all of his life. He lived his life always putting others before himself. Whether it be a child who needed a teddy bear to smile, a homeless person who needed a blanket to stay warm, a food drive that needed another turkey to feed the hungry or a change drive during the holidays providing toys for children whose families have nothing. He would always do what he could and give whatever he had to help provide others with the simple things in life that truly make a difference.

Jim is survived by his brother, William Bailey; sisters: Wanda Koch and Jean Bailey, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; nephews: William Bailey and James Bailey of Salinas, Calif., Joshua Bailey of Phoenix, Ariz., Jonathan Canales and Robert Canales of Soledad, Calif.; Nieces, Rhonda Canales, Dayna Canales, Katie Canales and Autumn Canales, all of Soledad, Calif., and Ashley Bailey of Salinas, Calif., along with countless close friends and loved-ones.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Graves; father, George Bailey; step-father, Robert Graves; and brother, Donald Bailey.

The family asks that any and all memorial donations be submitted to James' favorite charity: Operation Smile, 6435 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk, VA 23509 or www.operationssmile.org or 1-888-OPSMILE, 1-888-677- 6453 or drelations@operationssmile.org.