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James Wilkinson, of Quitman, Mississippi, formerly of Douglas, Georgia, passed away on February 11, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on November 27, 1962, in Douglas, Georgia, to Inez Lewis and the late Bervon Wilkinson.

James spent most of his life in his hometown of Douglas, where he built lifelong friendships and deep roots in the community. Later in life, he married the love of his life, Rhonda Wilkinson, and moved to Quitman, Mississippi. There, he faithfully served as a Sunday school teacher and chaplain for Lakeside Nursing Home for many years, pouring wisdom, kindness, and steady faith into the lives of so many.

James was a skilled mechanic for many years in Mississippi and was known for his strong work ethic and dependable hands. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start a thriving business, James' Boat Repair, where he continued working diligently until he was no longer able. He took great pride in his work and in serving his community.

James had a deep love for fishing, often finding peace and joy out on the water. More than anything, he loved his family beyond words. He treasured every opportunity when everyone could gather together. His grandchildren were his whole heart, and he delighted in making memories with them that will be cherished forever.

James is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Rhonda Wilkinson; his mother, Inez (John) Lewis; his stepmother, Kay Wilkinson; his three sons, Brian (Andrea) Wilkinson, Justin Wilkinson, and Marcus (Casey) Wilkinson; his daughter, Alicia (Justin) McFarland; his cherished grandchildren, Austin Wilkinson, Jedidah Wilkinson, Ava Wilkinson, Jerome Wilkinson, Denee Wilkinson, Aubree Wilkinson, Caleb Wilkinson, Trisha Wilkinson, Ryder Wilkinson, Amelia Wilkinson, Journee McFarland, and Arayah Wilkinson; his sisters, Debra (Kirby) Vickers and Heather (Joe) Keddie; his brother, Gary (Brenda) Wilkinson; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Dena Wilkinson, his father, Bervon Wilkinson; his sister, Linda Chaney; and his son, David "Rusty" Wilkinson. James will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his servant's heart, his dedication to his work, and the quiet strength with which he lived his life. His legacy of faith, love, and hard work will live on in all who knew and loved him.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

The Family