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James Whitfield, 61, a lifelong resident of St. Augustine, lost his brave battle to a long extensive illness, July 11, 2018 at Flagler Hospital. James was a 1974 graduate of St. Augustine High School. He attended Florida Junior College of Jacksonville, where he received his associate degree in music. James was blessed with a talent for Music and could play any instrument. He began his music career in the 6th grade at Webster Elementary School and his favorite instruments were saxophone and keyboard. He was Bandsman of the Year for several years at St. Augustine High School. He was the 1st Band Director at St Joseph Academy. James also played with various bands: The Roland Fleming Connection, The Leo Dansby Band, Quick Draw, Decoy, Bone Tones just to name a few. He played at many local venues where he was well known for his quiet, gentle and kind nature as well as his musical talent. He was also a member of the St Augustine Jazz Society. James is now united with his parents, Ruth Taylor and Billy Whitfield. Left to cherish his memories are his siblings, Randi Willis (Myron), Willie Mae Chambers, Eliza Taylor, Debra Whitfield and Linda Carter (Daniel), Richard Whitfield, Edward Bryant (Latisha), aunt, Florence VanDyke (Frank); cousins, Mark Baskin, Joseph Sapp, Walter Sapp, and Tony Jenkins and loving & devoted friend, Lora Johnson and lifelong friend, Roland Fleming. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at St. Johns Family Funeral

Home with Pastor Lee officiating. The family will receive guests preceding the service from 2:00- 3:00 p.m. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences and peace to close friends and family, with love. James will be remembered well.*

Noree Dudley Hart - July 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Randi, I just learned of your brothers passing. Sending you my love and condolences to you and your family.*

Betty S Keating - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of James Whitfield, but I know he is now with God and at peace. I was in the rock band "Horizon" with James. I always called him "Whitfield." He was a kind and gentle soul with huge musical talent. I will miss him. I wish to give my sincere condolences to his family.*

Cheryl Watson - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM