

## **James Henry Deaver**

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CLARKRANGE, Tenn. — James Henry Deaver, D.O., 63, formerly of Hinton, W.Va., went home to be with our Savior on March 13, 2014, from a sudden illness.

Jim was born on Sept. 6, 1950, in Hinton, to the late Howard Henry Deaver and Naomi (Gill) Deaver.

He was of the Christian faith, being baptized in 1998.

Jim graduated from Hinton High School in 1968 and joined the Navy, where he traveled to Spain. He was discharged in 1971. He then moved to Richmond, Va., where he became a police officer for Henrico County for several years. He then went to work for J. Sargent Reynolds as an apprentice and was certified as a journeyman machinist. While working there he also attended the University of Richmond where he did all of his pre-med studies. In 1983 he was accepted at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va., graduating in 1988.

After graduation, he accepted a position at Gilbert Family Practice in Gilbert, W.Va., and at Welch Emergency in 1989. He was the Primary Care Physician at the Glen Daniel Clinic in Glen Daniel, W.Va. In 1991 he moved to Clarkrange, Tenn., and accepted a position as Director of Medicine at Clarkrange Medical Center. He was also the Director of Medicine at Convenient Care Clinic at Cookville, Tenn. He did locum tenas in Putnam and White counties as Primary Care Physician. He was the Primary Care Physician at the Complete Wellness Medical Center at Cookville, Tenn. In 2000, he opened Deavers Medical Clinic as the Primary Care Physician in Clarkrange, Tenn. In 2006 he was the Primary Care Physician for the Twin City Medical Center-SVCHS in Bristol, Va. He then accepted the position as Primary Care Physician at Mountain People Health Clinic in Elgin, Tenn. In 2010 he accepted a position as Primary Care Physician for Southern Health Partners, where he worked until his death.

Jim was also a Special Deputy and Diver with the Fentress County Tennessee Sheriff's Department for many years. He was licensed and certified as Board certified American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice — licensed in WV, VA, KY and TN. Diplomate of Board Academy of Pain Management. He was a Master Scuba Diver, an EMT, a Hunting Safety Instructor, an Ordained Minister, a Pilot (where he built and flew his own plane). He opened his own Arms and Ammo business, and he was a Ninth Degree Black Belt in Karate. He was a member of Air Evac Lifeteam and lifetime member of American Legion. He was always active with the Special Olympics.

In his spare time he loved to hunt and fish. He traveled extensively out west to Montana, Colorado, Wyoming as well as Santa Fe, New Mexico, Alaska, and Canada on hunting trips. He had several trips to Africa hunting big game, taking many trophies of his hunts.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Howard Stephen Deaver.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sisters: Virginia "Ginger" Pate of Pipestem, Patricia Taylor of Hinton and Barbara Shaffer of Pipestem; a special niece, Susan Powell of Pipestem; a special great-nephew, David Michael Patrick of Pipestem, and two special great-nieces, Virginia "Ginny" Henderson and Victoria "Tori" Lemon, both of Pipestem. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews and friends too numerous to mention. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

As per his wishes, he was cremated. His ashes will be scattered on his birthday, Sept. 6th, 2014, with a memorial celebration of his life to follow, at 3 p.m. in the Pipestem State Park Mountaineer Room.