



James Robert "Rara" Skeens

November 5, 1971 - April 15, 2026

James Robert "Rara" Skeens, 54, of Matewan, WV, passed away while inpatient at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, KY. Born November 5, 1971, he was the son of the late James and Nocha Justice Skeens.

In addition to his parents, Robbie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lisa Skeens; his baby Princess; his sister, Angie Maynard; and his nephew, Justin Jordan.

Robbie was a devoted member of the Matewan Church of God and attended services as often as he was able. He never met a stranger and had a heart for helping anyone in need. He held a deep love and respect for his pastors, Rev. David and Linda Smith.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sister, Denise (Jerry) Daniels; nieces Amber Matthews, Linette Thorpe, and Kim Jordan; nephew Charles Jordan Jr.; great-nieces Emily (Jordan) Blankenship, Alexis Jordan, and Breanna "BB" Crabtree; great-nephews Jacob Crabtree, Casey Matthews Jr., Gavin Matthews, and AJ Rizo; aunts Betty Spence and Shirley Radcliff; and his special cousin, Jamie Spence. He also leaves behind dear friends Dave and Ruth Stratton, Ronnie Swank, and Scott Clevinger, whom he loved like a brother; his special niece, Katie Clark; and his sister-in-law and caretaker, Kathy Bowling. Robbie is also survived by many cousins who loved him

dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton, WV, on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, with Rev. David Smith and Rev. Dave Stratton officiating.

Chafin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Skeens family.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I hope your dad met you at the gates with old van and mother in tow. I really hope you get to that reward God told us about if no one I know never does Robbie. Rest easy my friend.

Stephen Sheppard - April 17 at 05:56 PM



“ Emma G Runyon lit a candle in memory of James Robert "Rara" Skeens



Emma G Runyon - April 17 at 09:26 AM

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“ Billie White sent a virtual gift in memory of James Robert "Rara" Skeens



Billie white - April 16 at 03:14 PM