





## James Harley Browning

SOUTHINGTON — James Harley Browning, age 55, of Southington, died peacefully at home in the early morning hours of April 17, 2005. After 40 years of life in a severely disabled body, Harley's spirit is now free.



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Harley was born July 3, 1949, in Sutton, W.Va., the son of James Farrell Browning and Lucy Murphy

Browning.

Harley's father died in 1951; his mother died in 1988 and his stepfather, Joseph Harris, died in 1990. An infant brother and sister died in 1951 and 1959.

Harley is survived by his sisters Patricia Browning-Whitaker of California and Elizabeth Browning Presa of California. Elizabeth was born in the Philippines in wartime and came to Ohio to meet Harley for the first time in 2004. A large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Harley is also survived by a loving circle of friends and caregivers who are his spiritual family. Their faithful and compassionate care for Harley over the many years of his disability made possible for him a full and joyous life.

Despite 40 years confined to a wheelchair and bed, Harley found happiness and meaning in his life because Paul Hart, Tim and Kim Reardon, Jamie, Chris, David, Petie, Clint and Bridgett, a special child, Sara, his cousin Emma Jean, and a host of others gave so fully of their time and energy to care

for him. In the sharing of their lives, Harley found his greatest happiness. He would wholeheartedly agree with Helen Keller who wrote, "My friends ... are the story of my life."

Harley dearly loved his cat companion, Molly, who will now go to live in California. He loved sports and was able to attend many local events, including Cleveland Browns football and several Super Bowls. He enjoyed feeding and watching the birds in his yard. He appreciated the great beauty of earth. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his friends.

Harley shared with the world around him a generous and kind-hearted attitude toward life. He was unfailingly thankful to Heaven and to his loved ones for the great blessings in his life. We who love him will miss him deeply for the remainder of our lives — grateful for our time with him and all we have shared.

Harley is a member of St. Mary's Church of Warren. He valued the fellowship of his parish and the good friends of Delightful Evangelical Church. His faith sustained him and gave him an avenue to serve others through prayer.

The Roberts-Clark Memorial Home is assisting with final arrangements. A memorial service is being planned and will be announced soon.

Anyone who wishes to honor Harley's memory may do so in any way they choose. Think of him as he is now, filled with radiant life, walking in paradise. Practice patience, kindness and gratitude. Donate time or resources to Animal Welfare. Support spinal cord injury research or any worthy cause that touches your heart.

Go in peace, beloved son, brother and friend. Rejoice in a life well-lived. Carry with you our love and blessings.

(special notice)

## JAMES HARLEY BROWNING

He lived amongst us  
Our world a better place.

With Humility, faith and courage  
He overcomes tragedy,  
Hardship and adversity.

What he gave in patience  
Can never be taken away.  
Gone now in the flesh  
But his spirit and soul lives on.

Our love and friendship  
Won by example  
May we do the same.

Missed and remembered  
In our hearts, thoughts  
And Prayers, ALWAYS.