

## James Hewette McMillan

October 7, 1950 - October 23, 2022

James Hewette McMillan transitioned peacefully back into heaven during the early morning hours of October 23rd. He was celebrated October 7th for his 72nd birthday by his family and close friends. James was one with our Lord Jesus Christ and in his final weeks was at peace with the glorious destiny which awaited him. His love and legacy will continue to vibrate through all the good people he touched during his life.

James McMillan "Lil Mac" will forever be remembered as a stockcar driving legend in New Orleans beginning with sanctioned go-cart racing at the young age of 8. "Lil Mac" as he was to become known, won multiple championships before his 13th birthday. By his 19th birthday "Lil Mac" became the spectacle to see dominating his class in victory week after week driving of the famous yellow Plymouth 6 cylinder Bubble Bee. With so much success in the 6 cylinder division, he was banned from the track and told never to come back for competition at the Nascar sanctioned Alameda Road Speedway. Lil Mac was too fast for his class. In his early twenties James went on to racing Motocross winning the Gulf Region 125cc AMA Motocross championship. In his early 40's James found his way back to stockcar racing in multiple racecars driving a late model sportsman and dirt modifieds earning track championships at Avondale Speedway, Pike County Speedway, and Baton Rouge Raceway.

His lifelong racing career was one of great passion and championship success. All in all he attained enough trophies to fill a small warehouse.

During his later years, James was an active motorcyclist, hobbyist, inventor, mechanic, fabricator, mentor, and animal lover. He will be deeply missed and remembered for being a great generous man, champion, father, grandfather, and friend to all whose life he touched.

James is preceded in passing by his father Hewette McMillan, sister Cheryl Gray, and his youngest daughter Rachell McMillan. He is survived by his mother Helen McMillan, daughter JoLynn Moreau, son Chad McMillan, and his former spouse Denise McMillan. Also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren Lance James Moreau, Carrie Yvonne Moreau, Wyatt James Moreau, Layla McMillan, Sophia McMillan, Caden Rae Moreau, Kimber Lynn Moreau, Kolby Brooks Moreau, Carter James Moreau, and Lilliana Rachelle Brown.

James Hewette McMillan will forever be in the prayers and hearts of his family and friends. May he rest peacefully in Heaven shining bright with our Lord Jesus Christ. James was a great man.

A Memorial Service is being held for James on January 8, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kenner Pavilion, 3800 Loyola Dr., Kenner, LA 70065 and we ask all that knew him to join his family, extended family, friends, and acquaintances in remembering the legend known as "Lil Mac."

You may send condolences to his family and request memorial service information by emailing [RememberingLilMac@Yahoo.com](mailto:RememberingLilMac@Yahoo.com)

L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

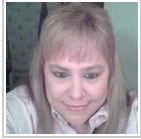
# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life Memorial Service**

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kenner City Park Pavillion  
3800 Loyola Drive  
Kenner, LA 70065

# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy drove stock cars on dirt for my father Harry Ripple back in the early 80s. I remember him as always having a smile on his face and having a kind word for everyone. He was funny and a great mechanic and driver. We lost our father November 3, 2023. I have to believe in their heaven, they are back at the Loranger speedway racing the orange number 3.

**Barbara Ripple** - January 30, 2024 at 09:51 PM



“ James Hewette McMillan

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ I personally did not know Mr. Jimmy, but from what I've heard he was a wonderful and caring man with a heart of gold. My sincere condolences to his family. Rest in Peace Mr. Jimmy.



**CAROL** - November 05, 2022 at 11:05 AM



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**L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home** - October 28, 2022 at 01:43 PM