



# James "Jim" Dean Mathis Jr.

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James "Jim" Dean Mathis, 71, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021. He is preceded in death by his father James Dean Mathis Sr., and mother Evelyn Kuhn Mathis. Left to cherish Jim's memory are his loving wife, of 49 years, Susan Elder Mathis; sons James Dean Mathis III (Rusty), James Gregory Mathis (Amy), Timothy Sean Mathis (Anjeey); daughter Beth Ann Ruiz (Edson); brothers Greg Mathis (Connie), Eddie Mathis, Chris Mathis (Ava); sisters Nancy Copeland (Charles), Rosemary Epperson; grandchildren Lauren, Mary, Emily, Landon, Sadie, Elyza, Jackson, Ruby, and a host of other dear family and friends.

Jim was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, who cherished his wife and family. His grandchildren affectionately knew him as their "Opa". Jim had a strong faith in Christ and truly loved people. He always saw the good in everyone and never gave up on anyone. Jim loved to visit and talk with people he knew or just met. He never knew a stranger.

Jim loved to volunteer and enjoyed mentoring youth. He was involved with Scouting for many years. Jim also loved the men's Emmaus Bible Study group that met on Friday mornings at 5:15 am. He was always the last one to leave.

A man who loved the outdoors, Jim enjoyed duck hunting and tending to his garden. He truly loved animals. Over the years Jim raised polled Hereford cattle, hatched more than 300 ducks, and was also a dog trainer. He had a thirst for knowledge and loved to read. Jim especially loved geology and genealogy. Jim also loved food, and the man could cook. His breakfast tacos were always a favorite. Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either:

Builders Without Borders of Texas.

<http://www.builderswithoutbordersoftexas.org/>



## Obituary

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MD Anderson.

In memory of (Jim Mathis), contributions may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or [www.mdanderson.org/gifts](http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts).

Please designate funds to VD Gallbladder Research Priority Prog under Dr. Javle



## Tribute Wall

James "Jim" Dean Mathis Jr.

CF

**Cheryl Campbell Fels** posted:

Q: What will you never forget about James "Jim"? A: Jim was crazy fun. We went to Jesse H Jones High School together. He was always the first to start planning a get together. The entire class will miss his laughter and fun. Big hugs JimmyCheryl Campbell Fels

April 16 at 7:00 PM

LL

**Lee Lee** posted:

the love of my life, miss our talks

August 26 at 7:00 PM

TF

**The Porche Family** posted:

To Susan and family. Our hearts are with you today in remembrance of our cousin Jimmy We love you all and will always hold Jimmy in our prayers

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

James, With deepest sympathy. Sending healing thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

February 1 at 7:00 PM

TO

**Tim And Eva Olexa** posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

January 29 at 7:00 PM



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DH

**Douglas Holloway** posted:

Words cannot express my sadness of having such a good friend finish his honest course in life. He was more than just a friend, but at many times was mightiest of brothers in faith and life. To his family, know that Jim taught me how to carry the light of Jesus within me, and through him I can share this good news. I pray and know that we will all be reunited once more and be free from these brief earthly sorrows thanks to our faith in Him. I loved Jim with all my heart, and you all as well. I pray for peace and healing for you all at this time. -Doug Holloway

January 21 at 7:00 PM

LE

**Leeanne** posted:

rest in peace, we have said our goodbyes

January 3 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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