



James Edward Rader

February 14, 1939 - March 7, 2015

James Edward Rader, 76, of Houston, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2015, surrounded by his family. He was a Valentine's Baby born on February 14, 1939 in Delaware, Ohio. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio and moved to Houston in 1965. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judith Davis Rader, their children & grandchildren: John & Melissa Rader Lindner of Dripping Springs, Texas and their children Travis Robert & Laura Lindner and their son Reece Edward, Amanda Layne & Marianne Grace; James & Jill Rader Stewart of Austin, Texas and their children Alexander James & Alaina Noelle; and Kyle & Mary Rader Harrell of College Station, Texas and their children Kyleigh Faith, Davis Austin & Gracen Rader; sister Sandra Lee Gallagher of California, and brother Ronald Gene & wife Phama Rader of Florida.

Jim graduated from The Ohio State University in 1962 with a degree in civil engineering and was a long-time member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was a member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and relished the many opportunities this gave him to help others, including leading Bible study classes and serving as an usher for Sunday services. As a 32nd Degree Mason in the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite & Shrine, Arabia Temple, he became a clown with the Shrine Circus and enjoyed many years of performing in circuses, parades and visiting hospitals & nursing homes. He was very creative & artistic throughout his life, leading him to pursue a variety of hobbies. He had an interest in photography, learned to fly & built a small

experimental airplane in the garage, worked with bonsai plants, and enjoyed woodworking and made ornate wooden crosses. These hobbies led him to join many organizations and meet many wonderful friends over the years, including the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, the Houston Bonsai Society, the American Hibiscus Society and the Woodworker's Club of Houston. He took an active role in activities with his girls, including serving in the PTA at their schools, volunteering as President of their softball league as well as coaching teams and pitchers, and coaching soccer.

The Rader family will be present to receive friends for visitation Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Masonic Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The funeral service will commence Friday, March 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow the service in Friendship Court on the church grounds. Graveside Services will commence Friday, March 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the Aggie Field of Honor, 3800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway, College Station, TX 77845. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to the Caring Forever Foundation at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church or the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Cemetery Details

Aggie Field Of Honor

3800 Raymond Stotze Parkway
College Station, TX 77845

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Masonic Service

MAR 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Service

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Reception

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Graveside Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Aggie Field Of Honor
3800 Raymond Stotze Parkway
College Station, TX 77845

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Rader*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Edward Rader*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Edward Rader*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Edward Rader*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I just wanted to send my condolences to your family. I work with Mary and I have been in pretty constant contact with her during this time. I just lost my Daddy in January and so this hit very close to home for me. I am hoping your days get easier very soon for you. Do your best to remember all the good times you had with your husband and your father. He sounded like an amazing man and may he rest in peace. Your father/dad and my dad are probably all hanging out together up there and getting our spot all ready for us!!!*

Kristi Graham-Irvin

Kristi Irvin - March 16, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Rader.*



March 12, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Rader.*



March 11, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ *Love, Robb, Larry & Barbara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Edward Rader.*



Love, Robb, Larry & Barbara - March 11, 2015 at 06:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Rader.*



March 11, 2015 at 04:58 PM

BJ

“ I have many fond childhood memories of time spent at the Healy farm with Jim and our other cousins. Baseball games in the farm yard, fresh sweet corn and ginger cookies, a trunkload of fireworks on the Fourth of July, riding around behind Grandpa's tractor. What wonderful family times we shared! Jim was always nice to us younger kids, and we looked up to him. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and the Rader family.

Bruce Jackson - March 11, 2015 at 11:03 AM

LW

“ Dear Judy and family,
I am so very sorry to hear this news about Jim. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. While we don't always understand, we have to believe that God's plans for our lives are good. Much love to all of you.
LaNell Waldrop

LaNell Waldrop - March 11, 2015 at 10:20 AM

RW

“ Richard W. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of James Edward Rader.



Richard W. - March 11, 2015 at 09:15 AM