



## James Holland

July 12, 1968 - December 22, 2009

James Vance (“Van”) Holland, Jr., a resident of Montgomery, Texas went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2009 at the age of 41 following a courageous battle with cancer and other illnesses. Van was born July 12, 1968, in Houston. Van was a graduate of Richardson High School north of Dallas. He also graduated from the University of North Texas at Denton, with a major in finance. His greatest interest in school and all the years thereafter was computer science, including all types of hardware, software, and networks. Following college, Van worked for several companies in Chicago and Dallas, primarily as a computer network consultant and administrator. He earned various network engineering certifications from Novell and Microsoft and was always eager to test and learn the latest computer software. Van loved to read about politics, history, and current events. He was a gifted researcher on the internet, and because of major illnesses throughout his adult life he developed a great interest in medical issues. Even when dealing with critical health problems, he kept a sharp wit and sense of humor. Van is survived by his loving parents, James and Olivia Holland of Montgomery, Texas; his grandmother Virgie L. Holland of Conroe; his grandmother Billie M. Smelley of Willis; several uncles, aunts, cousins, and many long time friends. The family invites friends and loved ones to a viewing at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at FM 1097 in Willis, Texas. Services will follow at the same location at 2:00 PM, with Rev. John C. Lockwood officiating. Interment will be at the adjoining Smith Memorial Park.

Written condolences may be left on the funeral home's website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Holland*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. God bless. Trish @ Kroger*

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**trish iacobucci** - December 29, 2009 at 08:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family in my thought and prayers. Having watched my mother lose a child I wish there was anything I could say, there is not anything but faith, friends and family that can even bring any comfort. Hang on to each other and your memories and take it day by day. I am so sorry. God bless you!!*

*Penny Davis Riggs*

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**Penny Riggs** - December 22, 2009 at 12:52 PM

JS

“ The passing of our dear nephew Van has left a hole in our hearts that no one else can fill. We have so many fond, funny, and poignant memories of him. From the time he was a tiny boy, he showed tenacity, courage and wit. He never lost his sense of humor through the many illnesses he endured and was always ready to lend a hand to his technologically challenged family. As an adult, Van was always the "puter" man to his Uncle Bill. He taught Bill so much about using the computer that each time Bill sits in front of a computer, he'll think of the "puter" man. Van was willing to use his skills for his family. With great devotion, he assisted his Grandmother in caring for his Grandfather for many months and when one of his aunts was ill in the hospital, he researched her illness and doctors even though he was fighting illness himself. As a family of primarily Republicans, Van (a solid Democrat) raised many spirited debates with his relatives and he usually won or would walk away shaking his head. No one in our family was bright enough to keep up with him! I have never seen more devoted and loving parents than Liv and James. Van was definitely his own man but many of his traits were shaped so lovingly by the two of you. We know that you were so proud of him. There is no way that we can understand the depth of your pain during this time of grief. We pray that God will wrap you in his loving embrace and that the love of family and friends will comfort you. May the precious memories of the fine man you raised give you comfort. Van, we love you and Bill says we'll miss you forever and a day.

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**Judy and Bill Smelley** - December 22, 2009 at 12:16 AM

AJ

“ I've known Van for such a long time and I am saddened by the passing of an old friend. My condolences and heartfelt sympathies go out to Olivia and James.

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**Arthur Reed Snyder, Jr.** - December 21, 2009 at 05:51 PM

JD

“ I simply don't know what to say here. He passing will be a loss to many, even those who do not yet realize it.

*My prayers are with him and the family, as well as all those who will now know an emptiness inside that he has left behind.*

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**Jean-Claude DeMars** - December 21, 2009 at 09:08 AM

AR

“ I never knew Van but I have followed the bulletins of this final illness with such sadness as I know his lovely mother and father, Olivia and James. JD and I know how hard it is to see a loved one pass into another life but I have only one son and cannot imagine losing him so early and so unexpectedly. I am here for you, Olivia and James in whatever capacity you need. Our love and prayers are sent to you both. God bless you both for your diligent care of Van.

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**Ann & JD Richmond** - December 20, 2009 at 08:48 PM

JO

“ Van is missed and loved. My condolences to the family.

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**Jon** - December 20, 2009 at 08:58 AM

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“ There are simply no words to express the depth of our emotions for all that Van endured in fighting so courageously, for the incredible loving support Liv and James embraced Van in all the days of his life, and for knowing that he has left us with such wonderful memories. Van will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him, and will remain forever in our hearts and love. Our hearts go out to Liv and James, and extended family. These are very dark days on your life journey. Cling to each other, and all of us who love you both so very much. Allow us to listen, to shoulder some of the overflowing pain, and to be there for you. Although none of this can ever make things as bright as they were when Van came into your lives at his birth. Know that you raised a hero of a man. All our love.

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**Linda, Steve and Brody Epstein** - December 19, 2009 at 08:00 PM