



## James Frank Mature

December 1, 1935 - February 7, 2025

James Frank Mature, 89, of New Waverly, Texas, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. Born December 1, 1935, in Willow Springs, Texas, to Mike and Lilian Mature, James lived a life rich in faith, family, service, and music. His mother, Lilian, a nurse in Conroe, instilled in him a compassion that would define his years. He attended school in Conroe before graduating from Coldspring High School in 1955.

Immediately following graduation, James answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Army. He spent six months in the Alaskan Territory and the remainder of his three-year tour at Fort Lewis, Washington. Upon his return to Texas in 1958, he began a career as a Correctional Officer for the Texas Department of Corrections, before moving to Houston in 1959 to join General Foods Maxwell Division. He worked for 29 years in the Maxwell Division rising from laborer to Shift Supervisor. It was in Houston, that he met the love of his life, Margaret Noviski. He always joked that he got a job and met his future wife, Margaret, on the same day! They married in 1960 and were blessed with three sons: James Caesar, Robert Frank, and Anthony Thomas. The family found deep solace and community in St. Charles Borromeo Church, where the boys attended primary school. Their faith provided unwavering strength during the immeasurable loss of their eldest son, James, in 1977, a tragedy caused by a drunk driver.

Music was a lifelong passion for James. He was a gifted guitarist, particularly drawn to old-time fiddle music, and he cherished the friendships he forged

through his love of the genre. He generously shared his musical talents with his sons, teaching Robert to play the fiddle and introducing Anthony to the guitar.

Following his retirement from Maxwell House, James and Margaret returned to New Waverly, where they actively contributed to their community. They served for five years as co-chairs of St. Joseph Church, a testament to their dedication to their faith and their commitment to serving others. James's desire to serve extended further; in 2003, he was appointed Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Walker County, Texas, a position he held with distinction for 11 ½ years before retiring in 2014. He found great fulfillment in assisting others and helping those in need.

Even after retirement, James's passion for life remained vibrant. He enjoyed the beauty of nature and had a deep love for animals, finding solace in caring for his cows and other livestock on the ranch.

James was preceded in death by his son, James C. Mature; his mother, Lilian Mature; and his father- and mother-in-law, Pete and Sophie Noviski. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Margaret Mature; his sons, Robert and wife Rosie Mature, and Anthony and wife Lynda Lee-Mature; granddaughter Carolyn Mature; grandsons Kenneth and wife Heather Mature, Quinn Lee, and River Lee; great-grandson Daniel and wife Kelsey Mature; great-granddaughter Macie Mature; great-grandsons Maverick Mature and Case Ellis; and great-great-granddaughter Tazley Mature. His legacy of faith, service, and unwavering love will continue to inspire those whose lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. A rosary will begin at 7:00 PM. Services will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly at 11:00 AM. He will be laid to rest at Shepard Hill Cemetery with military honors following the service. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Shepard Hill Cemetery

11249 Shepard Hill Rd  
Willis, TX 77318

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Rosary

FEB 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Catholic Mass

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
101 Elmore St  
New Waverly, TX 77358

## Graveside Service

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FEB 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Shepard Hill Cemetery  
11249 Shepard Hill Rd  
Willis, TX 77318

# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.

March 27, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ Margaret, we've just learned about James' passing. He was such a good, honorable man!! Prayers for his soul and more prayers and hugs for you and your family. God bless.

Helen Tippen - March 18, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ It's with deep sadness to hear of the passing of Mr Mature. A great man I met back in 1980. I'm a close friend of Robert/Rosie Mature. It was pleasant to chit chat with Frank and hear one of stories. I remember getting Maxwell coffee from him. I didn't drink coffee back then but my parents were very grateful for his generosity. Rest in peace Frank the whole county, heck the State of Texas will always remember you. Ernest Sustaita and family.

Ernest Sustaita - February 17, 2025 at 03:41 AM



“ Sustaita family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Frank Mature.



Sustaita family - February 17, 2025 at 03:29 AM

SF

“ *Sustaita family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frank Mature.*

Sustaita family - February 17, 2025 at 03:29 AM

CW

“ *Sorry for the loss of Judge Mature. Praying for the family for strength and guidance to go on. Love The Whiteside's Pastor Theo Whiteside  
Carolyn Whiteside  
Chelina Whiteside*

chelina w - February 12, 2025 at 08:18 PM

CM

“ *Dear Margaret and family : We are sending our love to you all. We are all lucky to be friends with such great, caring people. Our love, Gary, Carolyn, Brittany McClure & Robert Snoe*



Carolyn Snoe McClure - February 12, 2025 at 02:44 PM

AH

“ *Andy and Casey Holland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frank Mature.*

Andy and Casey Holland - February 12, 2025 at 10:39 AM

AH

“ Andy and Casey Holland purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Frank Mature.



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**Andy and Casey Holland** - February 12, 2025 at 10:39 AM

RG

“ Rosa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frank Mature.

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**Rosa G.** - February 12, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.



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February 12, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.

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February 12, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.



February 12, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Joshua and Tracey Slott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frank Mature.

**Joshua and Tracey Slott** - February 12, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ Joshua and Tracey Slott purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Frank Mature.



**Joshua and Tracey Slott** - February 12, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ (JUDGE) YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED IN MY LIFE. I THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU SHOWED ME WHEN I WAS IN NEED OF HELP IN MY LIFE. THE KIND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ME TO MOVE FORWARD. I DID THAT. YOU WAS A VERY CARING JUDGE IN THE COMMUNITY. YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED. THANKS JUDGE. I LOVE YOU MRS. MATURE AND FAMILY. YOU ALL ARE IN MY PRAYERS IN TIME OF SYMPATHY. GOD BLESS. BELINDA CARTER AND JERRY SMITH JR.

**BELINDA CARTER** - February 12, 2025 at 06:23 AM

KM

*We are so sorry to here of Judge Matures passing. He was always so kind. He'll be truly missed. Prayers for his wife & family. God bless y'all!  
Love, Karen & Lorraine McSwain*

**Karen McSwain** - February 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LP

“ *Love and Prayers. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Frank Mature.*



**Love and Prayers.** - February 11, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.*



February 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.*

February 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM

DM

“ I met James through his wife, Margaret, when she and I worked together at the post office in New Waverly. They were chairing the church Bazaar that year and they invited us to get involved and to come to mass at St. Joseph. My late husband, Charles and I started attending mass with them and we found a church family and we came to love James and Margaret as family. I was baptized and became a Catholic and Charles reconciled with the Church. Without James' and Margaret's invitation and encouragement i might never have found my faith. There is so much more I could say, but I will just say, " I loved you and respected you and will miss you every day." Darlene Mann

Darlene Mann - February 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM

KP

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family 🙏 He will be greatly missed.  
Kathleen James Patison

Kathleen Patison - February 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM

MF

“ My prayers go to the family and friends of James Mature for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ. James was a special friend that was there that cared for all those he met. I first met him when he was JP Pct 4 Judge years ago. We shared a lot of times together with his work sharing memories, having lunch in New Waverly, and keeping in touch even after he retired. He was a man that cared for his wife, family and friends. We called each other times just visiting over the phone that was special. Most of all sharing our Lord together when we talked. He is now with his Lord in heaven being with his Lord.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - February 11, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ Joseph L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Frank Mature.

Joseph L. - February 11, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DA

“ Darlene Abramski lit a candle in memory of James Frank Mature



Darlene Abramski - February 11, 2025 at 08:32 AM

DA

May God give the family peace and strength and be with them through this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace in with God. He was such a wonderful man.

Bobby & Darlene Abramski

Darlene Abramski - February 11, 2025 at 08:36 AM

RB

“ I have known James for 50 + years, met him and margaret and all the boys at junior hi and High school in Houston, the boys talked about New Waverly and their cousins, The pryor boys and after putting everything together thru ours talks, then we became really good friends thru doing Church Bazaar activities together. Very wonderful man to know. Very strong Christian man, raised a wonderful family, He was very kind and generous and an awesome person to know. James will be dearly missed! Prayers for Margaret and family.

Richard and Rosemarie Buckner - February 11, 2025 at 12:18 AM

KP

“ *Kathy, Annie,Elizabeth & Laura Pryor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Frank Mature.*



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**Kathy, Annie,Elizabeth & Laura Pryor** - February 10, 2025 at 11:23 PM

SP

“ *Sheryl Pierce purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of James Frank Mature.*



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**Sheryl Pierce** - February 10, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.*

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February 10, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.*



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February 10, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.

February 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.



February 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Frank Mature.

February 10, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Frank Mature.



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