



James Reece McClendon

June 9, 1943 - July 29, 2016

James Reece "Jimmy" McClendon of Huntsville and Houston, passed away suddenly on Friday, July 29, 2016. He was born June 9, 1943, the son of James Edward and Juanita (Davis) McClendon. James was born and grew up in Huntsville, graduated from Huntsville high school in 1961 and attended Sam Houston State College, now university then went into the U.S. Army and Army Reserve where he served for several years. He worked as a construction electrician for Brown and Root before getting into the steel business in sales. Jimmy Mac, as he is affectionately known, never met a stranger and seemed to know about half the people who might come walking down the street.

Jimmy was the embodiment of traditional 'cowboy' values: love of family, country, loyalty, and hard, honest work. James was an active member of Tejas Vaqueros, Class of '93. He was a Lifetime Committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, serving on the Ticket Sales, Calf Scramble, Quarter Horse, and Ranch Rodeo committees. He was a charter member of "The Bottomless Pit" cooking team, participating in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Bar-B-Que Contest almost from its inception. Jimmy was a man of humility, humor, wit and strong values, truly the person who believed in giving a hand up, not a hand out. He always had a twinkle in his eye, a swagger to his step and despite his success, he never took himself too seriously. Instead, he'd tell a joke, at times a bawdy one or two, all in an effort to make those around smile. He always had a smile on his face and was generous with his time and heart. He was an avid collector and particularly liked restoring old cars. He loved golf, horses and storytelling; no one ever left James without a smile on their face.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Jo McClendon, his sister, Lynita Keldorf, his niece and nephew Kasie and Travis Keldorf, his large extended family, Gus and Patsy Shultz, Jack and Katherine Shultz, their children Hadley, Wyatt, Cole, and Audrey, Nathan and Jenny Wickett, and Russell and Natalie Price and their children Charli and Reagan, his Vaquero Brothers, his friends from The Bottomless Pit Team, and many, many other special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Edward Lewis McClendon.

James, you are much loved and you will be missed terribly.

The final arrangements for James Reece McClendon have been made.

Family Visitation: Tuesday, August 2nd from 6pm to 8pm at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Funeral Services: Wednesday, August 3rd at 10am at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Interment will be at Falba Cemetery, FM 2989 immediately after Services. Reception will follow.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Falba Cemetery

FM 2989
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

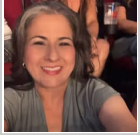
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Tribute Wall



“ *James Reece McClendon*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Pam, know that YOU are in my thoughts and prayers.....I'm still in shock. My most deepest heartfelt condolences. If there is anything that I can do for you, Pam. Call me 281 451 3568-Sandy Mtz*



Sandy Martinez - August 08, 2016 at 12:21 PM



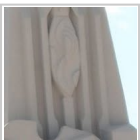
“ *Pam, We just found out yesterday about James' passing. Gail and I were shocked and profoundly saddened at the news. He was indeed a friend and I always enjoyed seeing and hearing from him. I will miss him greatly. Our condolences and prayers go to you and the entire McClendon family. Mike and Gail Link*

Mike Link - August 04, 2016 at 01:20 PM



“ *Pam I am in total shock. My heart goes out to you. Sorry we missed the service for James but RD is in hospital. Hugs, kisses and prayers.*

Karen Davis - August 04, 2016 at 06:31 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Jim several years ago. We briefly spoke about our family and common friends we both knew. I immediately felt his friendship and kindness. Will always have fond memories of Jim.*

Jesse Lopez - August 03, 2016 at 03:22 PM

MT

“ Mike ,Gail, Jayson and the Link Family OH / TX purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Mike ,Gail, Jayson and the Link Family OH / TX - August 03, 2016 at 10:47 AM

BO

“ Pam, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I sure loved how James kept us all happy and laughing when he visited our office. He always brightened our day and we were all blessed to have known him.

Brad S. Owens - August 02, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Reece McClendon.



August 02, 2016 at 02:09 PM

MF

“ Mark & Debbie Mahon & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Mark & Debbie Mahon & family - August 02, 2016 at 01:29 PM

JF

“ Pam, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

John Fager - August 02, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BF

“ Bentley & Lee Fatheree purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Bentley & Lee Fatheree - August 02, 2016 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ My prayers for you and your family. James was a part of rodeo and BBQ cook off. Kristi and I had some great memories with him. We will miss his smile and all the funny we had with him. He is now in God's hands.

Carol Hudson

Carol Hudson - August 02, 2016 at 09:44 AM

CS

“ Jimmy and I shared a birthday. We reminded each other of that special day many times. Jimmy was truly a friend to all sharing his laughter and spreading his happiness and joy to all. He will be sorely missed by many.

catherine sanders - August 02, 2016 at 01:02 AM

MM

“ James you will be missed you were a great guy always smiling. I guess we knew each other 35 years or longer in the steel business. Pam I never met you but he talked of you a lot. You and your family are in my prayers. R I P James a great cowboy gone to Heaven.

Mike Matlage - August 01, 2016 at 09:05 PM

BW

“ George Williamson and Mrs. Stuart (Beth) Williamson express our sympathy on your loss.



Beth Williamson - August 01, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TW

“ Taryn Sims and Keith White purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Taryn Sims and Keith White - August 01, 2016 at 08:51 PM

EL

“ Erika & Taylor Freeman and Samantha Lopez purchased the A Full Life for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Erika & Taylor Freeman and Samantha Lopez - August 01, 2016 at 08:00 PM

SF

“ Stewart Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Stewart Family - August 01, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Reece McClendon.



August 01, 2016 at 07:53 PM

KP

“ Pam, remember Mark and I love and care about you very much. Please accept our most heartfelt condolences in this time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark and Karen Paradowski

Karen Paradowski - August 01, 2016 at 07:38 PM

T2

“ The Maverick Class of 2016! purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of James Reece McClendon.



The Maverick Class of 2016! - August 01, 2016 at 07:20 PM

RF

“ Our family will truly miss Uncle Jim's stories, warmest hugs, and endless laughs he gave us for many years. He was always able to put a smile on our families face and teach us through his endless stories. He will be missed, but never forgotten! Rhonda, Quinton, Erika and Taylor Freeman

Rhonda Freeman - August 01, 2016 at 07:06 PM

KD

“ James was so much fun. First met him on ticket sales with rodeo and spent great times on a few trail rides. Pam we had so much fun in Vegas at the rodeo finals. still have the picture. Pam I know you will miss him dearly and he loved you more. Prayers for the days to come. You have great memories of a wonderful guy. Love ya
Kristi Dailey ❤️❤️

kristi dailey - August 01, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of James Reece McClendon.



August 01, 2016 at 06:14 PM

CW

“ What a sweetheart Jimmy was. Always a chuckle and a great story. We shared horse stories and the antics of owning a boarding stable, serving on the Quarter Horse Committee together. I'm so sad for you, Pam and Lynita. I know how you loved him and how he loved you back. How he will be missed! God just got himself a good ol' cowboy with this one! Love you guys. Cindy O'Donnell White

Cindy O'Donnell White - August 01, 2016 at 04:00 PM

RM

“ Randy, Marjorie & Natalie Moreland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Randy, Marjorie & Natalie Moreland - August 01, 2016 at 03:01 PM

DM

“ Dorothy Hensarling Messer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Dorothy Hensarling Messer - August 01, 2016 at 02:52 PM

SF

“ Southland Steel Fabricators Family purchased the With Distinction for the family of James Reece McClendon.



Southland Steel Fabricators Family - August 01, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Reece McClendon.



August 01, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of James Reece McClendon.



August 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM

JL

“ The sweet memories we all have...The years spent together at HLSR, a twirl or two on the dance floor, or together on a trail ride,(RR, the time he went over the head of his horse) and him pretending he did it on purpose) he always had that welcoming smile, and warm hug. Boy Howdy I'm going to miss him. Pam and Lynita, I'm sending as much love and comfort as you all can hold. Pammie, I love you as dearly as I loved James. I'm here, now and always, Love and Prayers to each of you. Janis Lester

Janis Lester - August 01, 2016 at 11:32 AM

DD

“ *Denise Duplantier lit a candle in memory of James Reece McClendon*



Denise Duplantier - August 01, 2016 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ *Pam,*

My heartfelt condolences are going out to you and the family. Know that James will be truly missed. I am so glad I had a chance to visit with him at the last BBQ Cookout this year. I still have fond memories of us being at the NALTA Conference with him and how much fun we had when we first met. I will always cherish those fond memories. He was such a loving and fun person to be around. Know that I love you my SWEET Pea!

*Denise Duplantier
Be Blessed*

Denise Duplantier - August 01, 2016 at 11:02 AM

KB

“ *Pam,*

My heart breaks for you - I am so sorry for you loss! I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers. I love you my friend.....

Kathleen Brast.

Kathleen Brast - August 01, 2016 at 10:39 AM

LA

“ *Jimmy, thanks for my Hornet Hug at the Reunion. Next year will not be the same without your smile and hugs to all of us. But will see you in Heaven. I remember when I volunteered at the Houston Livestock & Rodeo on the Palomino Committee, I looked up and there you where with your loving smile all the way from Huntsville. Pam, my heart goes out to you too. Layna (Nichols) Adams*

LA - August 01, 2016 at 10:15 AM

SE

“ *Southwestern Energy purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Reece McClendon.*



Southwestern Energy - August 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

BT

“ *Bottomless Pit BBQ Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of James Reece McClendon.*



Bottomless Pit BBQ Team - August 01, 2016 at 09:22 AM

MC

“ *"Share a Memory"*

Have to start with Ed & Juanita, Edward Lewis & Snotty nose kid Lynita; Coolest HHS Cheerleader EVER; Slick Roberts; Death Angel; Paper Moon; Havana House Apartments (Sin Alley); Brown & Root; Areatha Franklin; Bill Dogget's Honky Tonk; The Esquire; Water Ski; Convertible; Did I mention Beer????

I will carry these and MANY more memories with me the rest of my life.

Thank you Jimmy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mark Chalker - August 01, 2016 at 08:22 AM

BD

“ *I am so thankful I got to see & visit with Jimmy at the class reunion a couple of weeks ago. I got one last hug from this very special man before he was called home. Jimmy was the same as he always was, he loved everybody, and he could made you feel very special. He treated everybody like they were his best friend. He just had that gift.*

He was happy, kind, and loving for as long as I knew him. You knew you were important to Jimmy, and that he was glad to see you,. He made you feel that way. I was so happy that you were Jimmy's wife, because he loved you so much. Pam, thank you for sharing Jimmy with all of us, because we loved him too. God be with you, and comfort you during this time of sorrow. Love, Bobbye Foster Drake

Barbara Drake - August 01, 2016 at 01:32 AM

BF

“ I remember our last conversation about our next celebration as Maverick Brothers in the Canyon. James loved us and this Maverick Brother will miss him deeply. I was glad to call him my brother. Bill Fry. Tejas Vaquero

Bill Fry - July 31, 2016 at 08:06 PM

JC

“ James was a great guy, man's man, fine friend & terrific Tejas Vaquero. His Vaquero Brothers will miss him dearly. John Compere (Tejas Vaquero & Maverick Brother)

John Compere - July 31, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JJ

“ When I look at his picture, I see your Mom's face. Lynita, I wish I could say or do something to make this pain go away. You and your family have always been such an important part of the Jacoby' lives. My heart hurts so much for you but know that my arms are wrapped around you with love.

Jeannine Jacoby

Jeannine Jacoby - July 31, 2016 at 06:37 AM

BW

“ Pam, family & friends,
I'm going to miss my buddy. He made me laugh each time I saw him & that was a lot. He lived straight across from me. Always helpful, kind & giving me crap. What a cut up & good guy.
I remember him showing me the ring he had made for Pam, his love. I told him he was a romantic after all.
He looked forward to moving to the ranch they built & were putting the final touches on. It just doesn't seem fair. I know he'll be wearing boots & making folks laugh in Heaven.
Pam, I'm here if you need anything.
Bonnie Knittel Welch

Bonnie Welch - July 30, 2016 at 11:53 PM

HJ

“ *Most optimistic and entertaining of the HHS class of 1961. He was the only one who made the effort to track down our long lost classmate Burt Lowry. Will really miss him.*

*Harry Jones
'61*

Harry Jones - July 30, 2016 at 07:13 PM

ME

“ *Pam and Lynita: On behalf of the Huntsville High School Ex-Students Association (HHSESA) please accept our condolences during this time of great personal loss. Several of Jimmy's Hornet classmates and friends have commented to me how grateful they are to have visited with Jimmy during our recent Annual Reunion here in Huntsville. Jimmy was always a very special Hornet who enjoyed being among fellow Hornets each year. And, we always enjoyed being around Jimmy. We will miss him dearly. Hornet Hugs from the HHSESA Hornet Family. Mickey S. Evans, President of the HHSESA and an HHS Class of 1962 Hornet.*

Mickey S. Evans - July 30, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ *Lynita,
We are so sorry for the loss of your brother. You are in our thoughts and prayers .*

Jerry and Carolyn McMillian

Jerry and Carolyn McMillian - July 30, 2016 at 04:13 PM

PR

Pam Cowboy and I are so sorry for your loss. James was a fine man who we thought of often . He was good to Cowboy and I. He will be missed even though we did not see him that much anymore, but we did have some good times at the barn. So may he REST IN PEACE and GOD BLESS

Preston (Cowboy) & Jonnie Ruffino - August 02, 2016 at 01:02 PM



Tammy Ahrendt

Pam, I'm so sorry! I've thought of you & James often. I remember moving into the stable on Pinemont about 23 years ago. James was always so helpful & fun! You both are! We had many great times hanging out there. I'm so sorry that I haven't seen the two of you in recent years. Heaven gained a great cowboy, friend & story teller!

Tammy Holder Ahrendt

Tammy Ahrendt - August 02, 2016 at 01:15 PM

EL

Pam, James and I go back a long way, from when he was a steel salesman. I am so sorry to hear about James. I have been trying to call but get no answer. Please give me a call at 281-841-1603.

Ed Lofland February 20, 2017

Ed Lofland - February 20, 2017 at 12:04 PM