



James "Jim" Warren

December 19, 1965 - August 11, 2008

James Franklin "Jim" Warren, Jr. 16 December 1965 – 7 August 2008 Jim Warren of Austin, Texas, was born in Houston, Texas on December 19, 1965 to James F. "Bud" Warren and Merle Whittaker Warren. He died in Austin on August 7, 2008 at the age of 42. In 1967, the family moved from Houston to Navasota, Texas, where Jim Warren became a true East Texan – fishing at The Place, hearing men tell stories at the barber shop and soda fountain, and learning from his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins about small town family values and the goodness of people. Jim's father was the District Attorney in Grimes County and his uncle, Jeff Haynie, was the Mayor of Navasota. That is where Jim fell in love with people, language and politics. He carried that love throughout his all-to-short life and used it to inform, challenge and entertain many, many people. When Jim was 7 years old, the Warrens moved to Huntsville, Texas, where his father was the State District Judge for Walker, Leon, Madison and Grimes Counties. At that very young age, Jim "rode the circuit" with his Dad and became well known to those interesting men and women who did business in those old historical Texas courthouses. Jim watched and learned and soaked in the charm, eccentricities, wisdom and humor that formed his folksy personality. Jim attended Huntsville public schools and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1984. While in high school, Jim became a brilliant writer and won State Championships in writing contests. He wrote for sports for The Huntsville Item and had a column in that paper called Hornet Happenings. Often irreverent and sometimes

controversial, Jim took a column about small-town high school life to new levels forming the basis for his wildly popular political Internet blogs 20 years later. Jim attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he wrote for The Daily Texan and Third Coast Magazine and was a cub political reporter for the Hearst News Bureau. In 1987, newly-minted Texas Secretary of State Jack Rains seized upon Jim's young talent and hired him to be the first Press Secretary in the history of the SOS office. His talent was recognized and courted by many politicians, both Republicans and Democrats. After Republican Jack Rains' unsuccessful gubernatorial bid, Jim went on to serve as a political advisor for the late and legendary Texas Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney, Texas Senator and Attorney-General candidate J.E. "Buster" Brown, and many more. He was a lobbyist who thrived on the rules and process -- a "parliamentary wizard." But, as he grew ill and was diagnosed with Hereditary Hemochromatosis in 2005, Jim turned back to his writing and started at least four Internet Blogs -- the most famous of which was "Billy Clyde's Political Hot Tub Party." That is how he became known to thousands of people, some of whom he had never met, as Billy Clyde. Jim's beloved father, Justice Bud Warren, predeceased him on August 13, 1990. Jim is survived by his mother, Merle Whittaker Warren of Huntsville, Texas; his sister, Jill Warren of Austin, Texas; his fraternal aunt and uncle Richard and Catherine Warren Pareya of Cypress and their children, Matt Pareya of Houston and Mark and Maschell Pareya of Cypress, and their daughter Morgan; his fraternal cousins, Tom and Susie Haynie and their children Lee Ann Haynie and T.J. Haynie, all of Navasota; Tony and Molly Haynie Doughtie, their daughter and son-in-law Will and Ashley Doughtie Butler, and Will and Ashley's new son, Brett, all of Huntsville; Sally Haynie Bullock of Spring and her sons Rhett Haynie Bullock and Randall Richard Bullock of College Station; his maternal aunt and uncle Dr. Bruce and Rae Whittaker Taylor of Dallas, Texas and their children, Steven Taylor of Dallas and Paul and Robyn Taylor of Canton, Ohio. Family visitation will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Sam Houston Funeral Home in

Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 2:00pm. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Warren*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss.*

Mellicent Wiley & Family - August 24, 2011 at 12:12 AM



“ *He was Jimbo to me. I see notes from friends who appreciated Jimbo's witty sense of humor and kind heart. Count me in that group. May peace be with your family.*

*Kristin Miller White
Austin, Texas*

Kristin Miller White - November 14, 2008 at 07:08 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Warren and Jill,
I was visiting Navasota this past weekend when I ran into someone who told me about Jim. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't even know we had been living in the same town for 25 years. I wish I would have known because I would have loved to have seen him again. I have so many fond memories of him in Navasota (even if it was only until age 7) You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely, Sheri Falco Ford

Sheri Falco Ford - November 03, 2008 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ Dear Warren Family; Merle and Jill:

Please know your family is in the thoughts of many.

Your son and brother was a fine man. At a time when the past becomes the present, it is difficult--yet be proud of what he did--we are!!

*Jay McGee
Former Elkins Lake resident*

Jay McGee - August 14, 2008 at 08:37 PM

JT

“ *Jim was a good man and a great Texan. He will be missed and the world is a better place because he was here.*

J. SUTTON TAYLOR - August 13, 2008 at 07:47 PM

JS

“ *Mrs. Warren and Jill,*

I am deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I am grateful for the times we had together and our friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Jay Schindler*

Jay Schindler - August 13, 2008 at 12:45 PM

AR

“ Dear Warren Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of Jim. I worked for Rep Denny next door to Marcia in the Capitol. When Jim came in it was like a fresh breath of air. We had many laughs during sessions.
Jim will be missed around the Capitol.
God Bless you all.
Avie Raburn
Lewisville, TX

Avie Raburn - August 12, 2008 at 10:22 PM

MM

“ Jill and Mrs. Warren, I am so grieved at the loss of my great friend Jim Warren, and I can only imagine your pain. I lost my friend, but you lost your brother and son and the State of Texas has lost a brain trust of the Texas Legislature that can never be replaced.

The only thing that comforts me is that I will see Jim Warren again in heaven and once again [and for all eternity] hear his stories, laugh with him, and simply enjoy being with him.

I so regret not being able to say goodbye to him, but hopefully he knew how much I loved him and will forgive me.

Jill and Mrs. Warren, if there is anything I can do for either of you, please let me know.

Marcia Manor

Marcia Manor - August 12, 2008 at 12:27 PM

LR

“ *Mrs. Warren, Jill and family,*

I was so sad and shocked to hear about Jim's passing. Although I hadn't seen him in many years, I have so many wonderful memories of hanging out with Jim (Jimbo). He had the best sense of humor of anyone I've ever met. He was so intelligent and quick, it wasn't easy to stay with him!! He was always loads of fun to be around. I know this is a very hard time for ya'll, and I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Nelson Roberts - August 12, 2008 at 11:24 AM

KS

“ *Dear Merle and Jill, we remember Jim as a young boy and wish we'd gotten to know him better as a man. He will be missed by all our family and remembered with a smile.*

We send our sympathy and our prayers for your strength and peace in the days to come.

Love, Kelley and Anne

Kelley and Anne Sigler - August 11, 2008 at 03:44 PM

PT

“ On behalf of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas, our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family during this time of sorrow. Jim was a good friend and lobbyist to all bondsmen in Texas. He fought many a battle on our behalf at the State Capitol and brought professionalism to our industry. He will always be remembered as a champion in the bail bond industry in Texas. He he will truly be missed. God bless you!

Sincerely,

Officers, Directors, Members & Staff of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas

Professional Bondsmen of Texas - August 11, 2008 at 02:02 PM

KC

“ Dear Merle and Jill, my heart is with you today and will be in the days ahead. I just wish I had gotten to meet your Jim. He sounds like such a fun and interesting guy, who left this life far too soon. May God give you comfort and peace. Sincerely, Kay Cooksey

Kay Cooksey - August 11, 2008 at 02:00 PM

SK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was a wonderful and loving person and I'm just glad to have gotten one last dance with him at our 20 year class reunion. He will live in our memories forever.

Suzette Matthys Kohers - August 11, 2008 at 11:59 AM

TO

“ It was truly a privilege to know Jim during high school, and by occasionally keeping in touch through mutual good friends. Jim was a true classic. I shall never forget his incredible sense of humor, always smiling, and of course a laugh that certainly belonged to no one other than Jimbo. I can't imagine Jim Warren ever getting cross with anyone as he always seemed kind, laid back, and a pleasure to be around. I also learned to enjoy reading Jim's work, and listening to his opinions, whether I agreed or not. This world needs a lot more people like Jim Warren!!

Tim Owen - August 10, 2008 at 10:50 PM

RW

“ Karen and I send our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the Warren family. Jim was an unforgettable person and I am thankful for the many enjoyable times we spent together. Whether it was playing golf, a last minute trip to Vegas or just sitting around discussing life, it was always a wonderful experience filled with a multitude of laughter. Those memories will stay forever in my heart. Jim was one of a kind and he will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. -Rusty & Karen Word, Austin, Texas

Rusty & Karen Word - August 10, 2008 at 03:18 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry for everyone's loss of Jim. He was always full of loving life and enjoying his friends and others around him. Jim will be missed by all and I cannot imagine the pain of his family during these rough days ahead. Just remember all the good memories and his smile & they will help you make it through the days ahead. God Bless You!
Jamie Brinegar & Family

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - August 10, 2008 at 12:34 PM

VP

“ Your loss will be a loss to those of us who enjoyed his writings and columns... My prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief and loss. May God Bless you and your family

V. Pledger - August 10, 2008 at 09:12 AM

JR

“ Jim was a fine man, who loved his folks, his friends and the State of Texas. He served all honorably and was respected by his peers. Jim brought humor and dedication to his craft.

I personally enjoyed his company, friendship and counsel. We are diminished by his passing. My God bless and keep him and grant comfort to his family.

God Speed Jim,

*Jack Rains
Houston*

Jack Rains - August 10, 2008 at 12:18 AM

RW

“ Mrs. Warren, Jill and family:
I was deeply saddened when I learned that Jim had passed away on Thursday. He was a good friend and a good person and I will miss him very much. My best thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Ralph Weston
Austin, Texas*

Ralph Weston - August 09, 2008 at 05:12 PM

OM

“ *Mrs. Warren, Jill and family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you today as you remember your son and brother. We both had the privilege of knowing Jim through high school and graduating with him. Jim was brilliant, fun to be around and full of life. He had a great knack for being friends with anyone and everyone. Our lives are richer for having known him. May God comfort you in the days to come. Sincerely, O.B. and Anne Miller*

O.B. & Anne Hawke Miller - August 09, 2008 at 01:27 PM

JW

“ *Dear Merle and family,
We send heartfelt condolences for your loss.
Our prayers are with you & while we don't know the depth of your pain - God does! May He comfort you with the power of His peace, His presence, and His eternal and abundant love.
Sincerely,
Jim and Janice Willett*

Janice Willett - August 09, 2008 at 09:35 AM