



## James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin

November 3, 1941 - September 15, 2024

A Celebration of Life for James (Jim) Thomas Spratlin, age 82 of Winona, Texas, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale, Texas.

Jim passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024, in Tyler, Texas. He was born November 3, 1941, in Haleyville, Alabama to the late Carl Denvard and Lady Muriel (Mallard) Spratlin. Jim has lived in Winona for the last year and a half and was previously a longtime resident of Titus, Alabama, Lubbock, Texas and Milan, Tennessee. He served his country in the United States Navy and was a member of Lindale Church of Christ in Lindale, Texas. Jim worked nearly 50 years as a Christian College Administrator and retired from Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama in 2017. In his spare time Jim enjoyed working on cars, spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren and great grandchildren's activities. He also loved spending time with his four-legged constant sidekick, CoCo, and she adored him. He was preceded in death by brothers, Carl Spratlin Jr. and Donald Spratlin.

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Phyllis Spratlin of Winona; children, Wendy Simmons and husband, Joby of Winona, Tonia Boyer and husband, David of Lubbock, and Camie Stone and husband, Russ of Auburn, Alabama; sisters, Jackie Greenlee of Lubbock and Carolyn Rogers and husband, Randal of Canton, Georgia; grandchildren, Amber Brock and husband, Brandon, Tyler Boyer, Hayden Simmons, and Brooklyn Boyer; 3 great grandchildren, Kherington, Piper, and Koby Brock. He was loved and adored

by numerous nieces, nephews, colleagues and friends.

Babe, Dad, Papa, Other Papa, Jim, JT, Tommy, Uncle Jim, Uncle Papa was a man who spent his life in the service of our Lord. He lived by faith and never doubted his final reward. He was always willing to come running at a moment's notice to help in any way. His stories were legendary. When you got a birthday phone call from him it was not soon to be forgotten. Holidays were not complete without his famous one pound of butter and 2 pounds of sugar sweet potatoes. The grandkids will attest to his extremely unique sense of fashion which included a combination of mismatched plaid shirt and shorts, white athletic socks and dress shoes. He had a tool for every job and knew where it was located despite the obvious disorganization of his shop. Once, he actually got both cars in the garage at the same time. The memories will continue to fill us with joy and laughter, smiles and tears. We loved him greatly and can't wait for our reunion in heaven.

In Lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to: Faulkner University: 5345 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery, Alabama 36109

White River Youth Camp: 5522 27th, Lubbock, Texas 79407

Camp Red Oak Springs: P.O. Box 26, Mauriceville, Texas 77626

The Celebration of Life can be viewed on Wendy Spratlin Simmons Facebook page live at 2:00, Wednesday, September 18th.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **18**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - September 17, 2024 at 09:28 PM

BH

“ Wow, it is sad to learn of Jim's death.  
Two years ago I suffered a stroke that took half of my vision so I no longer drive and I have difficulty keeping up with my Email communication. I said all of that to explain why I just today learned of Jim's passing.  
In 1980 he invited me to consider moving from Stephenville, Texas to Lubbock to work with him in the transportation department of Lubbock Christian College. I accepted the invitation and thus began our working as a team until he and his family moved to Alabama and his new position at Faulkner University.  
Jim and I worked on many projects together in the "Motor Pool", getting vehicles from Government surplus, restoring them and putting them into service for the college. During our rime together, the college upgraded to University status, which called for new signage on the tour buses.  
I learned a lot from Jim about college life.  
My condolences to the family.  
B.L. Hearn

B.L. Hearn - October 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM

SS

“ Sherri S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin.

Sherri S. - September 18, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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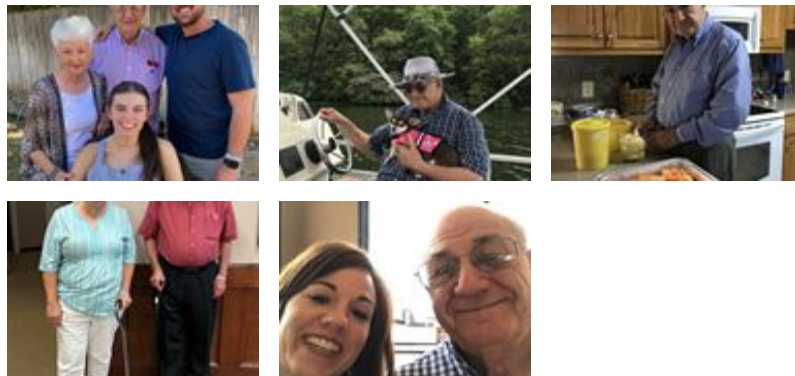
“ Uncle "Papa" Jim was the funniest and sweetest uncle I ever had. He was always smiling, cracking a joke, or hugging someone. He let me drive his boat, Scooby Doo, when I visited, asked me to fix his phone when it was being annoying, and shared his pretzel crackers with me, and didn't get mad when I ate the whole box. He and Aunt "Nana" Phyllis called me every year to sing their ridiculous birthday song, and sent me money in the mail. But even as I sit here crying at my keyboard, I know that he was filled with happiness to finally meet The Lord. I know that I'll get to see him again someday. I'll miss his ridiculous jokes and hugs, and just getting to see him. I hope he misses me too.

Goodbye, Uncle Papa.

Anders Ackerman - September 17, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - September 17, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TF

“ The Mann Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin.



The Mann Family - September 17, 2024 at 04:19 PM

TL

“ We have fond memories of Jim and Phillis and their girls years ago in Lakeview, Texas. Our condolences to the family. Thollie and Patti Lindley

Thollie and Patti Lindley - September 17, 2024 at 04:15 PM

AI

“ ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF MONTGOMERY, INC. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin.

ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF MONTGOMERY, INC. - September 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM

AI

“ ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF MONTGOMERY, INC. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Spratlin.



ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF MONTGOMERY, INC. - September 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM

LA

“ Thinking of you and asking God to strengthen and comfort you. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember our times together in Lubbock fondly and am lifting you up now, asking God to surround you with His peace both now and in the days to come.

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**Lorie (Wade) Addison** - September 17, 2024 at 08:46 AM

JW

“ Jim and Phyllis Spratlin were instruments of God's grace and love to my new family in Montgomery AL in the late 90s. They helped me gain my footing as a father and a professional, they mentored and helped our marriage grow, they loved our newborn and they modeled Christ. Our great love and admiration goes out to Phyllis in this difficult time and to Jim we say - see you on the other side, my friend!



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**Jonathan D. Wade** - September 17, 2024 at 07:52 AM

DB

“ A man who loved God, his family & friends, who had a huge heart, willingness to help others. He liked to remind me of the time our families got together and he literally raced me to the pizza delivery guys car to see who could pay first. We sure did scare that delivery guy! My love to your family and hope for a peace only God can give.  
Dana B

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**Dana B** - September 17, 2024 at 06:56 AM