



James Truett Praytor

January 28, 1943 - June 11, 2023

James Truett Praytor passed away June 11, 2023 at his home in Flower Mound, TX. He was born in Lindale, TX on January 28, 1943 to the late Rev. Truett Cecil Praytor and the late Frances Emma (Christian) Praytor.

James married the love of his life, Lynda Kay (Miller) Praytor on June 11, 1966. The two raised their sons, Jim and Jay, in Lindale until they all relocated to Coppell, TX in 1985 where James and Lynda remained Coppell residents for over 30 years until moving to Flower Mound, TX a few years ago.

As a young boy, James always had a thirst for knowledge and as he got older, had a calling to the field of education. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree, a Master's degree in Education and his Administrative Certification, all of which he would use for the next 30 years as a coach, a teacher, and a principal in the Lindale and Carrollton-Farmers Branch school districts. He had a reputation for being a strict teacher, but former students say that he was also respected and admired because everything he did was out of love.

James was very proud of his family and never missed an opportunity to spend time with them. Whether it was a softball tournament in 100 degree weather, a cold and rainy football game, a middle school choir concert, a little league soccer game, an award ceremony, a birthday celebration...it didn't matter. If it involved his grandchildren, he was there, in the audience, the stands or on the sidelines, cheering them on.

James loved socializing and was a talker who never met a stranger. For

years, he spent his mornings at the local McDonald's having coffee and conversation with a group of his buddies. They would visit and talk religion, politics, family, community and solve the world's problems together. It was something he looked forward to and something that led to many cherished friendships among the "coffee talk" group.

James was a true believer and an active follower of Christ. He and Lynda were both involved at their church where James often led and taught Sunday School classes. Over the years, he and Lynda has called a few church communities "home", starting with Damascus Baptist Church in Lindale and their current church, Temple Baptist Church of Flower Mound. James never missed an opportunity to spread God's word, especially to his children and grandchildren. Christmas presents weren't opened until he read about the story of Jesus's birth, straight from his bible. Easter eggs weren't hunted until the Passion of Christ had been discussed. Not a single meal was eaten without first giving honor and glory to the Lord for all of the blessings he had bestowed upon James and his family.

James live his life in such a way that those who knew him, knew he was a Christian. He shared his love of the Lord with all those he met. He was a "good and faithful servant" and is now Home.

James is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lynda Kay (Miller) Praytor; his son, Jim Praytor, his wife, Stephanie along with grandson, Dakota; son Jay Praytor, his wife, Amy , along with grandsons, Truett and Dub and grand-daughters, Emma and Lydia. He is also survived by his sister, Marsha (Praytor) Brown and her family, and Janet (Praytor) Jones and her family.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 17th at Caudle Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, TX. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Funeral services will start at 11:00 am, followed by the burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider making a donation to "World Vision". James and Lynda have supported World Vision all of their married life.

Cemetery Details

Damascus Cemetery

16964 County Road 4105
LINDALE, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James Truett Praytor*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 16, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *James Truett Praytor*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *James Truett Praytor*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Lajuanda Morrow lit a candle in memory of James Praytor*



Lajuanda Morrow - June 20, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 16, 2023 at 11:13 PM

LW

“ *Linda Willis lit a candle in memory of James Praytor*



Linda Willis - June 16, 2023 at 12:02 PM

DM

“ *Coach Praytor fir sure was a strict teacher. Yet I knew he cared. I went to his home a couple of times for help. It was there I knew how much he cared and only wanted us to succeed. Thank you*

Donna Morman - June 16, 2023 at 06:08 AM

MM

“ *Mark Abd Donna Morman lit a candle in memory of James Truett Praytor*



mark abd Donna Morman - June 16, 2023 at 06:05 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Truett Praytor.*



June 15, 2023 at 10:38 PM

KH

“ *I know I speak for so many of us that had Mr. Praytor as a Principal when I say that while we thought he was ultra strict back then, he is the model of what we needed as kids because most of us used this type of discipline to raise our own children. We have a lot of great memories of Mr. Praytor through those years and I always appreciated a one-to-one conversation with him. Mrs. Praytor was my Kindergarten teacher as well, so I have a great amount of respect for both of them, especially being in education now. Thank you for all the lessons! ❤️❤️*

Kristina North Hastings - June 15, 2023 at 09:04 AM

CM

“ Coach Praytor was such a fine man, a man of integrity and character, and I was lucky to be his student. He taught me algebra and geometry, but even more importantly he taught me to love mathematics and learning. Coach Praytor was an inspiration to all his students, and he knew how to motivate us, whatever it took.

Chrissi Brown Moroney - June 15, 2023 at 08:12 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Truett Praytor.



June 15, 2023 at 07:33 AM

CM

“ Very good man ,the first man I really ever respected at a young age .Mr.Praytor was a junior high principal of mine in early 80 s and did the job the way you have to do it to make things go the way it should .Mr, Praytor made sure students acted like students in their behavior and attire ,teachers too lol.I hated when the Praytors moved away .I was glad to have known James Praytor and what he stood for.

Chase Meissner - June 15, 2023 at 02:11 AM

DB

“ There will never be another James Praytor his goal was to help each and every student be the best they could be, weather in academics or sports he would not allow for second best although many of us were far from perfect, he never gave up on us May you rest in peace James Praytor.

Dennis Bodiford - June 14, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James Truett Praytor.*



June 14, 2023 at 10:31 PM



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

June 14, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Truett Praytor.*



June 14, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Rest in peace Mr. Praytor. Thanks for being a good friend to me. I will see you soon.*



Tony Vickery - June 14, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Ronny Smith lit a candle in memory of James Praytor*



Ronny Smith - June 13, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Coach was a wonderful man and even a better teacher. He's teaching has influenced everyone that he's taught over his career. He got me thru my career because of what I learned from him. We use to go over to his house after supper and set at his table for tutoring when we needed help. I will always remember him for his accomplishments and leadership. Sending prayers for your family coach Praytor. RIP*

Ronny Smith - June 13, 2023 at 02:10 PM