



Dewey James "Jim" Opiela

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Funeral services for Dewey James "Jim" Opiela, 81, of Longview will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2014, in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home followed by visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens. He passed away Monday, January 20, 2014 in a Longview hospital. Mr. Opiela was born November 25, 1932 in San Antonio, TX to David and Mary Opiela. He was a retired engineer for Zachary Construction. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mr. Opiela was a member of Classic Care at Good Shepherd Medical Center and Senior Circle at Longview Regional Medical Center. He enjoyed family gatherings, fishing, hunting and watching sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Bernice M. Kotara Opiela.

Those left to cherish his memory are his Children, Sharlene King and husband Wade, Dennis Opiela and wife Debi, Roger Opiela and wife Liz, and Pam Wilson and husband Ronnie; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; brother, Johnny Opiela and numerous nieces and nephews.



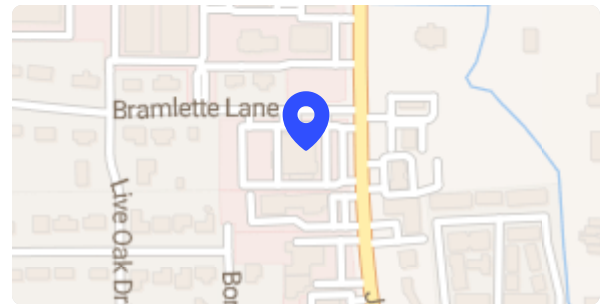
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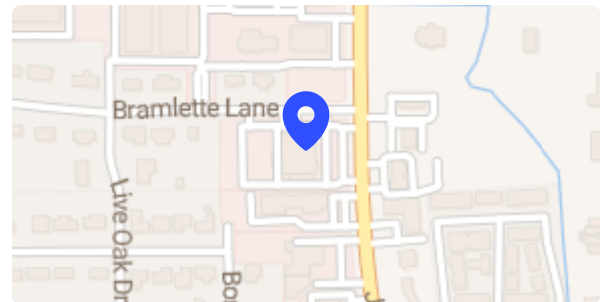
Visitation

- Thursday**, January 23, 2014
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



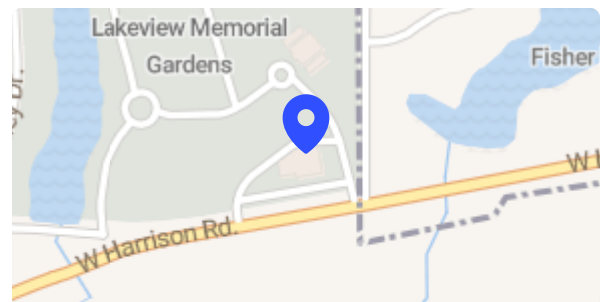
Chapel Service - Longview

- Friday**, January 24, 2014
- 10:00 AM CT
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Cemetery Details

- Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
5000 W. Harrison Road, Longview TX





Tribute Wall

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ET

Edward A. Tello posted:

HelloMy name is Edward Tello. I am a cousin from San Antonio. Unfortunately our families grew apart many years ago. However I grew up around all the Opiela's when they lived on SW Military Dr. Mary was my aunt and I remember David, James or Jimmie. One of them used to love motor cycles and was always working on them. The house they lived in is now a Senior Citizens hall I believe. The last time I saw any of them was when I was about 10 years old and that was 50 years ago. However James came to one of our family reunions in Boerne maybe 5 years ago. If my memory serves me right there were 3 brothers and one sister. And I believe later Mary married a man that lived in Somerset. Any way I am sorry to hear about your loss and pray that the Lord would lift your spirits. My mother Toni Tello and Mary were sisters.

February 15 at 6:35 AM

SK

Sharlene King shared an album called **Christmas 2013**.



January 27 at 8:46 AM

CC

Cheryl Harris Cullen posted:

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Jim's Family during this time, I worked with Jim many years at H.B. Zachry, and we enjoyed his friendship and that of his family!Sincerely, O.B. & Shirley Harris and Family

January 26 at 4:19 AM

PK

Pat Kopecki posted:

Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Chuck and Dale Kopecki

January 24 at 9:48 AM

CP

Claudia Price posted:

James will be terribly missed, he was a sweet man and a great table partner.Pat Craig

January 23 at 9:07 AM



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The Fortners, Kirkpatricks, Striplings, And Brocks. sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Opiela family.

January 23 at 4:06 AM



Dr Rodney Slone & Sherry (Nurse) lit a candle in honor of Dewey.

January 22 at 2:21 PM



Susan C. Wilson posted:

Pam, I am so sorry for your loss.Susan Wilson, PTHS 1981

January 22 at 1:38 PM



Nancy Hooks posted:

What a wonderful example of a gentleman. I will forever remember Mr. Opiela and the support and wisdom he offered to me. His candid sense of humor has lifted me so many times. When he was able, he was always faithful to come every Thursday to my reading club, he always supported me. I appreciated him . How blessed ya all are to have had him as your dad. He told many stories of you all, he love his family dearly...Nancy

January 22 at 12:06 PM



Janice Nickel posted:

Losing a parent or loved one is never easy, not matter what the circumstances are but knowing that God loves you and can give you peace - restore your spirit - and strengthen you will get you through the hard times.God Bless You All,Janice & Don Nickel

January 22 at 4:26 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Opiela family.

January 22 at 3:07 AM





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SR

Sherry Chambliss Richardson posted:

He was my "Daddy 2" and I will cherish the smiles and hugs that he and Mommy 2 shared with me growing up! I'm so very fortunate that they chose my neighborhood in which to move their family. My heart aches for his passing but I know that he and Bernice will be reunited and the smiles will continue for eternity. I love y'all.

January 21 at 6:47 PM

CW

Cathy Wood posted:

Pam, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories of your dad. Cathy and Jody Wood

January 21 at 4:16 PM

SM

Sharon Morris posted:

I too will miss this sweet man. I grew fond of seeing his mischievous little smile as he shuffled past my office door every day.

January 21 at 3:41 PM

CT

Cheryl Tidwell posted:

What a wonderful man! I had the great pleasure of getting to know him when I was the nurse at Eastman Estates. Always a smile on his face and great stories to tell. He will be truly missed by so many!! All of his family will be in my prayers during this difficult time.

January 21 at 3:29 PM

LB

Leslie Brasil posted:

Mr Opiela was one of my favorite residents when I worked at Eastman Estates. I loved hearing his stories about his wife and he always had candy to share. God bless to you and be with you in this difficult time.

January 21 at 3:03 PM



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Claudia Price posted:

My deepest sympathy Sharlene, Pam, Dennis & Roger on the loss of my friend, your dad, James. I have missed him so much and will continue to miss him along with all his other friends here at Emeritus@Eastman Estates. He was a wonderful table mate and Saturday Night Movie watcher as long as he was in good health. We were fortunate to enjoy his company as long as we did. God Bless and be with you all. Claudia Price

January 21 at 2:39 PM



Rudy Ramirez January 22 at 10:55 AM

Our deepest and sincere condolences to you and your family from the Rudy Ramirez family @ Zachry. Here is a message from from Jim to all of you and your family. A message for those I love, and for those who love me When I am gone, release me, let me go I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love. You can only guess How much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But know it's time I traveled alone. So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, So God bless the memories that lie within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me call and I will come. Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart you'll hear, All of my love around you soft and clear. And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home Jim. from Rudy & Rose & Rudy III and Randy Ramirez



Pennie Rosas January 22 at 3:52 AM

Pam, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad! You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers! Pennie, Jeff and Rylee



Media

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Sharlene King shared 2 photos to the **Christmas 2013** album.

January 27 at 8:46 AM



Grandkids



Kids



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dewey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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