



# Mr. James T. Cole Jr.

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**J**ames T. Cole, Jr. died after a long battle with cancer, Monday February 24, 2014. He was born on March 29, 1937 in Alma, Arkansas to James T. Cole, Sr. and Wanda Cole. The family moved to Raymondville, Texas in 1937 to farm. They lived in Raymondville for 16 years and moved to Austin, Texas in 1952. James attended A.N McCallum High school and graduated in 1955. He excelled in football and track. He attended Texas A&M University, Kilgore College and Southwest Texas State College. He moved to Kilgore in 1965 and worked for the Texas Railroad Commission Gas Division. He worked for the City of Kilgore for 15 years as Water Utility superintendent before becoming the Director of Water Utilities. After leaving Kilgore he accepted the position of Director of Utilities for the City of Temple, Texas. He relocated to Austin, Texas to become the General Manager of Brushy Creek Utility Mud District. He then went to work for Metcalf and Eddy Engineering Services as the Project Manager of a Mud Water Reclamation Facility in Orlando and Orange County Florida. He then transferred to Houston, Texas to manage a water treatment facility for eleven different entities in the Houston area. He then transferred to East Texas to start up the Gladewater, Texas Public Works Facility. Upon completion of this project he started doing contract work with projects in Georgetown and Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida. In 1999 after much travels he decided to retire and worked as a field inspector in the local East Texas area. After 30 years in the environmental field he retired full time. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, cooking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Clyda Cole of Longview, his children Tamie Cole, Bryan and wife Jenni, Dena and husband Shannon Butts, Gena and husband Mark Matthews, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Also survived by brothers Dwight and wife Carol Cole, Ronnie and wife Judy Cole and sister Lee Ann Gilmore and husband Reverend Bill Gilmore and nieces and nephews.



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The pall bearers are Ron Cole, Mike Hanks, David Gilmore, Mike Gilmore, Lowell Clay and Cody Clay. Honorary pall bearers are Mike Green long time friend, Bill Matthews, Kenneth Riddle, Charles Martin, Larry Brown and Guy Pritchett members of Fellowship Baptist Church.

The visitation will be on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at Rader Funeral Home, Longview from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1818 Springhill Road, Longview, Texas on February 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Kilgore City Cemetery 200 Memorial Drive, Kilgore, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice, P. O. Box 5908, Longview Texas 75608.



## Events

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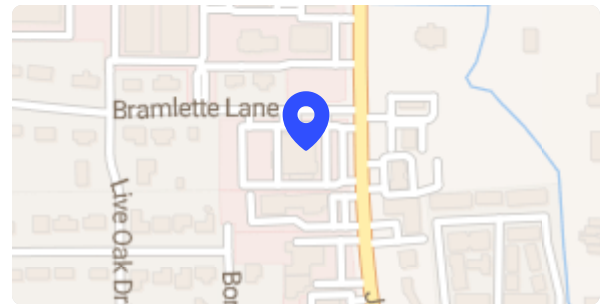
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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, February 26, 2014

 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview**  
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

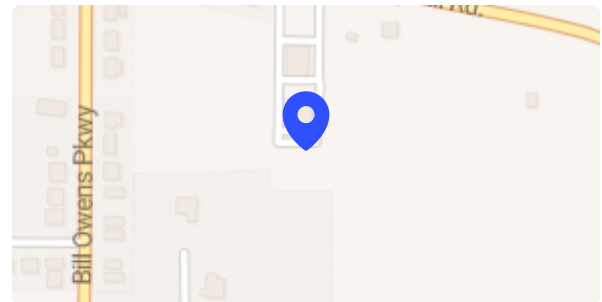


### Church Service

 **Thursday**, February 27, 2014

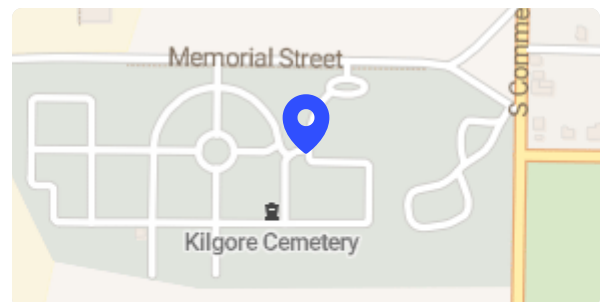
 2:00 PM CT

 **Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1818 Spring Hill Road, Longview TX



### Cemetery Details

 **Kilgore City Cemetery**  
300 Memorial Street, Kilgore TX





## Tribute Wall

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KR

**Kay Read** posted:

James always brought sunshine in the rain with his humor and smile. You will be truly missed here.  
Love, Billie Lee Evans

March 1 at 9:34 AM

KR

**Kay Read** posted:

Have a peaceful journey....Bill Reid..E.I.

March 1 at 9:29 AM

KR

**Kay Read** posted:

My fondest memory of James was a snowball fight at the salon. He came in throwing , with his boots on, fell, and broke his wrist! You will be missed . Watch over us! Love, Kay Read

March 1 at 9:26 AM

JT

**James Taylor** posted:

I will miss seeing James at Dana's hair styling shop. I was always envious of him because he had more hair than me!! Rest in peace my friend. James Taylor

February 27 at 4:22 PM

CB

**Cecilia Read Barrow** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of James' family. Cecilia Read Barrow

February 27 at 2:10 AM



**Julie Garrett** posted:

From what I have heard, James loved to cook. Pat Bussey (my grandmother), sure is going to miss sharing recipes with you. Clyda we are so sorry for your loss , and our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. With Love, Julie (Bussey) Garrett

February 26 at 3:34 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Cole family.

February 26 at 11:03 AM



**Gayla N.** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cole family.

February 26 at 10:15 AM



**Janette Kattes Auld** posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With love and our prayers, Sonny & Jannie Auld

February 26 at 9:59 AM



**Amanda Brown** posted:

May you have memories for comfort, friends for support, and family to ease your sadness. With Love, The Chemo Girls Marge, Renee, Amanda, Lynee, Laci, Priscilla and Debbie

February 26 at 9:36 AM



**Lani Laird** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Clarence and Libby Laird and family

February 26 at 8:05 AM



**Lisa McGregor Cook** posted:

James always had a great smile, he will truly be missed to all that loved him and called him their friend. May God bless his family. Lisa McGregor Cook, Kilgore, TX

February 26 at 5:49 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cole family.



February 25 at 5:16 PM



**Ron & Cindy Owen - Kilgore, Tx** posted:

Sorry to hear the the news about Mr. Cole...our thoughts and prayers are with the Cole family...God Bless!

February 25 at 8:58 AM



**Bokatu Atitau** March 19 at 9:58 PM

I'm Bokatu Atitau from kiribati Island and behalf of my mom Tauapo Naata a word of thanks to Mr. James for friend with my mom more years ago. MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU



**Larry Currey** February 25 at 8:04 PM

MAY THE LORD BE PRESENT WITH YOU AND YOURSSORRY FOR YOUR LOSS



**Mike Green** February 25 at 1:30 PM

James and I were friends for over 40 years, we had a lot of good times together. Mike Green



**Sally Mckinney Curbo** February 25 at 12:57 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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