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James Leo “Papa” Rateliff, age 75, of Hallsville, Texas, passed away on August 17, 2018. He was born on November 12, 1942.

Mr. Rateliff was preceded in death by his mother and father, one brother, and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jeanie Rateliff; son Jimmy of Lake of the Pines, son Kevin and wife “Michelle” of Hallsville, daughter Rhonda and husband “Gene” of Longview; 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Sandra Wilhite of Florida; nieces and nephews; an extended family of grandkids; and Summer Meadows family and friends.

“Cause God has a place in Heaven for a small town southern Man”

The family will receive friends and loved ones for a time of visitation on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 from 6 PM till 8PM. A Celebration of his life will take place on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 beginning at 3 PM at the Chapel of Rader Funeral in Longview with a committal service to follow at Rosewood Park.

A memorial benefit fund has been set up at Austin Bank by Kevin Ratliff.



Events

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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, August 21, 2018

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



Chapel Service - Longview

 **Wednesday**, August 22, 2018

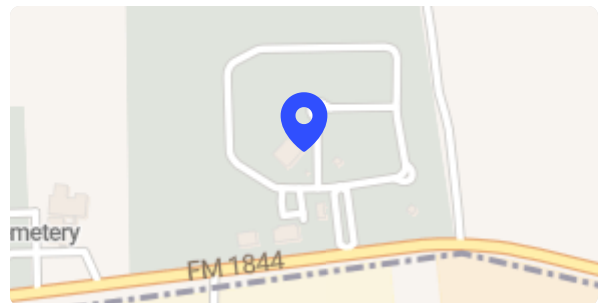
 3:00 PM CT

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



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



August 21 at 9:09 AM



Becky Moyer posted:

Leo, Oh how I wish you were here to make me smile. I can still hear you holler "Hey, Ms. Becky, How are ya?" That smile would make my baddest day into the best day. I miss you my Sweet Friend. You accepted me as a part of your wonderful family and I will always remember the many words of wisdom, encouragement, comfort and support from you. I Love You, Leo. Rest in Peace Becky

August 22 at 4:54 AM



Misty Lybarger posted:

Mr. Leo it has been my pleasure to have known you for even this short amount of time. I was sad to hear of your passing. I'm truly grateful I finally connected with family from my maternal grandfather's side of the family. You will always be remembered and I know you shall be very missed by all that loved you. You were special. I will pray for those broken hearts you left behind to have peace knowing one day they will be reunited with you in Heaven.

August 21 at 12:03 PM



Chantelle posted:

Leo was always good to me. I know he will be missed. Deepest condolences and sympathy.
Chantelle Holloway- Stroman

August 21 at 8:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Rateliff family.



August 21 at 6:17 AM



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Amanda Hicks lit a candle in honor of James.

My Grandpa Was A Hard working man who would do anything for anybody. Always running and never stopping. He was as stubborn as a mule but that's what made him strong. I love you Papa, you will always be loved & never forgotten ❤️



August 21 at 6:08 AM



Julie Lopez posted:

Rhonda and family, I am honored and blessed to have met and known such a kind and gentle soul. Your daddy will be terribly missed. A person who departs this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on. There isn't a memory that I have of you and your family that doesn't have him in it. My most sincere condolences. Please let us know if you need anything. Love, Julie Lopez and family

August 20 at 6:12 PM



Anonymous sent a White Roses Half Casket Cover to the Rateliff family.



August 20 at 3:56 PM



Suzanne sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

Leo was an great guy. Wonderful coworker and caring friend. He never crossed paths with anyone that he didn't ask how they were. He always asked about my children. He loved kids and his family. He will be missed . Prayers for peace and strength for his family and all those who loved him. Especially his bride .



August 20 at 3:13 PM

CR **Carolyn Rowden** August 20 at 3:30 PM

What a guy! I have so many fond memories of Leo! We had lots of laughs and conversations while I was working at Summer Meadows. He was such a good sport! I remember he actually let me talk him into being the Flower Girl at a mock wedding I put on while I was the Activity Director! His wife, Jeannie, laughed so hard she could not hold the camera! He was such a family man!! Love The Rateliff Family! RIP , LEO!



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SS

Strong Services Lp sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Rateliff family.

August 20 at 4:23 AM



TP

Tana Pierce posted:

Mr. Leo always stopped and talked to everybody, he was so friendly. He was also very kind and he will be greatly missed in the halls of Summer Meadows. Oh, how he loved to talk about playing bingo! It will be lonely without him. Tana & Pay-Pay

August 19 at 4:38 PM

DW

Donn And Sheri Worley posted:

leo was the best neighbor we ever had never had a bad word about anything he will be truly missed sending prayers for the family for these hard times

August 19 at 3:45 PM

FW

Faith Walker posted:

Leo was a very special man. He was always kind and a joy to be around. He will be missed so much. I only knew him from our many nights and occasionally days playing bingo. I can't remember a time that he didn't smile and speak when he was there. Praying for his family at this sad time.

August 19 at 1:51 PM

AF

Andrea Freer lit a candle in honor of James.

Leo talked to everyone and was always happy. He was loved by everyone. He will be missed

August 19 at 1:30 PM





Media

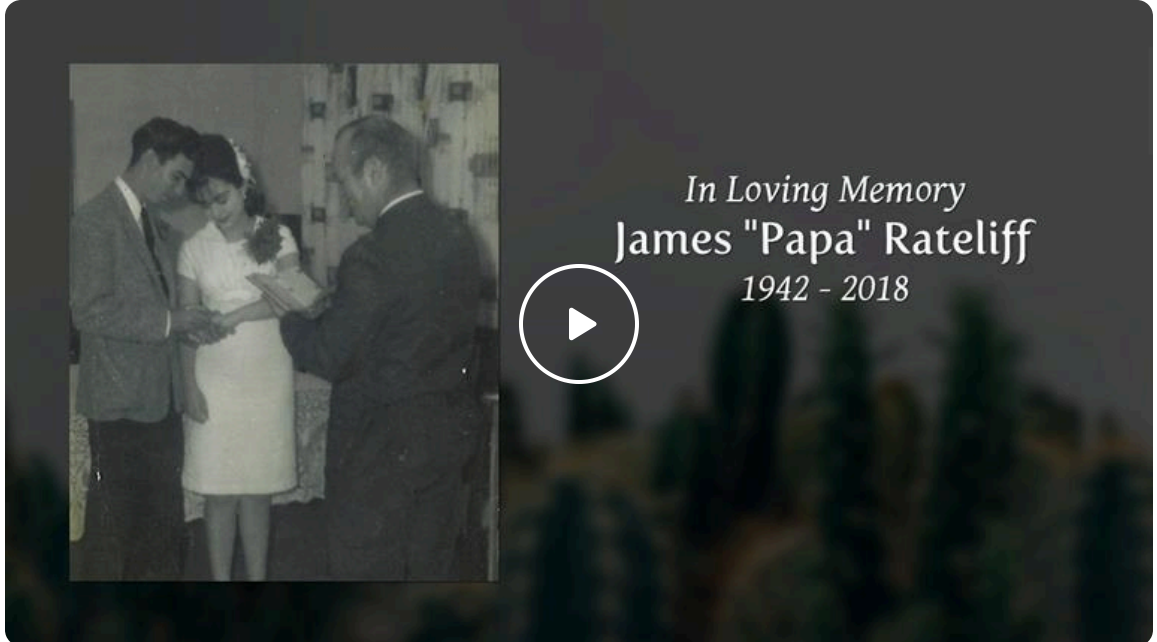
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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