



Mr. Jim Cadenhead

May 9, 1943 - February 14, 2021

Jimmy (Jim) Norman Cadenhead passed away on February 14, 2021 after a brief illness.

Born May 9, 1943 to Opal and Vernon Cadenhead in the Shiloh Community of Rusk County, Jim grew up on the farm and had many adventures in his youth. Jim attended Minden Schools until he transferred to Henderson High School after Minden's closing. He played football as tackle for the Henderson Lions and graduated in 1961.

After high school, Jim attended Kilgore College and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1966 with a teaching degree. After graduation, he taught shop and mechanical drawing in Nederland, Texas.

In 1970, Jim jumped in a pool and landed on who would become the love of his life, Claire. Six weeks later, they married. They shared a love over their fifty years together that could make strangers smile. It was shown every day in everything they have shared together.

In the early 1970s, Jim switched gears and cultivated a very successful 30+ year career in industrial sales. He was employed by various companies including: EG&G Sealol, Burgmann, Argo International, and AGI.

Following his career, which took Jim and his family from Beaumont, TX to

Baton Rouge, LA to Kingwood, TX to East Greenwich, RI and back to Kingwood, TX, Jim and Claire happily returned to the Shiloh Community in 2008 to enjoy their retirement. He loved being in the country, enjoying the peace and quiet of the cherished community of his youth and family legacy.

Jim was the epitome of a family man who would do anything for them. He was very mechanically inclined, restoring tractors, cars, and trucks as a hobby. His favorites were his Dad's 1953 Farmall Super H and a 1964 Corvette Stingray. He could never abide seeing an animal suffer, leading him to care for or rehome several rescues over the years. Jim loved taking care of his outside critters, including birds, barn cats, and the occasional raccoon.

Jim is survived by his wife, Claire Cadenhead of the Shiloh Community; son, Neal Cadenhead and wife Tracy of the Shiloh Community; daughter, Leigh Anne Griffin and husband Michael of College Station; grandchildren Morgan, Grant, Barrett and Caden; sister, Peggy of the Shiloh Community and her family; many cousins and close friends. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Opal Cadenhead, and brother-in-Law, Jimmy Harris.

There will be a service held at the Old Shiloh Baptist Church located at 11490 County Road 3131 S., Mount Enterprise, TX 75681 at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Henderson Animal Center, 1201 Highland Drive, Henderson, TX 75652 or to PetsFurPeople.org in memory of Jim Cadenhead.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

Hwy 315
Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Old Shiloh Baptist Church
11490 CR 3131 S.
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Tribute Wall

FM

“ Jimmy was a good friend and always ready with a smile - you knew he was someone special. It is obvious he was special, with his long list of friends and accomplishments both personally and professionally. Sorry I did not get to spend more time with him through the years.

We lost another good classmate but feel he is in a better place now. Prayers to his family at this time.

Frank and Shelly Markey

Frank Markey - March 10, 2021 at 05:53 PM

WB

“ We have many great memories of Jim and the entire Cadenhead family. Our children grew up together in Kenilworth subdivision so we parents spent many fun times together on the soccer field, at Kenilworth Pool and, most memorably, at Jim's company crawfish boils. Jim was a skilled mechanic who could break down a truck or tractor to the very last bolt, then paint and reassemble it looking as though it was completely new. He enjoyed his work, his golf, his restoration hobby, shelling black-eyed peas, his animals, his scotch, his family and he loved his home place. He ended his life where he started his life, as was his desire, leaving many friends and pleasant memories. We miss him. Our heartfelt condolences to Claire, Neal, Leigh Anne and all the Cadenhead family.

Bill and Barb Brown.

William H. Brown - March 01, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BM

“ Claire I want to let you know that Craig and I are keeping you in our thoughts. Reading the messages from others helped to know a different side to Jim even better. He was a great guy and Craig and I enjoyed being with him at all the family gatherings. He truly impressed Craig with his knowledge and humor. We will miss him a lot. It is good to know that there is another person watching over all of us. He is at peace now and in a better place. May it help you in your grief to know you will be with him again. Craig and I send you our love. Take care of yourself.
Bessie Mackey and Craig Davis.

Bessie Mackey - February 28, 2021 at 01:26 PM

LD

“ Dearest Claire, Leigh Ann, and Neal,
I will remember Jim as a dedicated dad who dearly loved his children and grandchildren. The light of his life was his wife Claire. He was dedicated to her and enjoyed telling others how special she was to him. May you find comfort in your memories.

I am praying every day for each one of you.
Love to you,
Lynda Davis

Lynda Davis - February 26, 2021 at 08:51 PM

WG

“ We will miss you my friend. Prayers and hugs to Claire and the family.

Walter L Griffin - February 25, 2021 at 06:36 PM

KH

“ *What a pleasure to have known and worked with Jim for many years at EG&G Sealol. What a great guy, liked by all, proud to call him my friend. Spent a lot of time with Jim professionally while he was in Baton Rouge and Houston, then in Rhode Island. Will always remember that memorable trip to Bourbon Street. Also the rounds of golf where he covered for his partner (me) so well! Was great to have him and Claire join us in Rhode Island for a while with Jim being a key member of the sales management team. Nothing but fond memories. God bless you Jim, may you RIP my friend..... Our deepest sympathies to Claire and family.*

Karl Heinselman - February 24, 2021 at 08:56 PM

BM

“ *I remember Jimmy as being consistently entertaining and a pleasure to be around during our school days. He could make people feel better just by the wit in his conversations. We lost another good classmate with Jimmy. Condolences to his family at this time.*

Billy F. Martin

Billy F. Martin - February 21, 2021 at 02:18 AM

PP

“ *Dear Claire, we are praying for you and your family at this sad time. Our thoughts and love to you.*

Nina, Pam and Tom (New Iberia, LA)

pamela pearson - February 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM

JC

“ *So very sorry. Deepest sympathy.*

Jimmy Culp - February 19, 2021 at 11:33 PM

RF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Robert Lynn Fischer - February 19, 2021 at 11:32 AM

WL

“ Wanda (Griffith) Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim Cadenhead



Wanda (Griffith) Little - February 18, 2021 at 10:13 PM

JR

“ Claire so sorry for your loss we will pray for peace and comfort for you and family. Terrie and Gary Richardson

James Richardson - February 18, 2021 at 06:25 PM

MM

“ Dear Claire, Jim and I were so sorry to learn of your loss. We are praying for God's peace for you and your family at this sad time. Mary Jane and Jim Mouton

Mary Jane & Jim Mouton - February 18, 2021 at 03:35 PM

MD

“ Clair, Milton and I are simply devastated to learn of Jim's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family. We love you and will always remember what a wonderful man he was. Sherrie and Milton Dominy

Milton and Sherrie Dominy - February 18, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Jimmy's family. The HHS CLASS OF '61 has lost a great member. Memories of the good times shared with Jimmy would fill a book! There were no bad times. God speed dear friend. Rest in heavenly peace. Joe and Ann White



Joe White - February 18, 2021 at 02:00 AM

SH

“ Sherry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim Cadenhead



Sherry Harris - February 17, 2021 at 06:15 PM

SA

“ Sincere Condolences to the Cadenhead Family. Jim was a fine man and I enjoyed many visits with Neal and Jim when they were fixing up their Farmall Tractors. I spoke with him at the Post Office just before Thanksgiving and we actually had a visit pending. Jim was a real gentleman and had a great spirit and kinship for the old Tractors. He took great pride in his Family and it was obvious that he loved them and was proud of them. The Antique Farmall Tractor Brotherhood has definitely lost a great Supporter and Friend, as I have I. He will definitely be missed!



Sam Adams
Tatum, Texas

sam adams - February 16, 2021 at 07:58 PM