



## Mr. Jim White

November 4, 1959 - May 11, 2022

Funeral services for Mr. Jim White, 62, of Henderson, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Chaplain Bobby Davila officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, at the funeral home.

Known to most as Jim, Mr. Jim, Captain Crazy, Yank to a few and Jimmy to a special few, James Barton White, age 62, was born on November 4, 1959 in Baltimore, Maryland to Robert Barton and Jean Dunn White. He passed away on May 11, 2022 at UT Health in Tyler, TX. Growing up in Baltimore, he enjoyed scouting with camping trips and visits to Fort McHenry with his dad, along with attending Baltimore Oriole games.

The family moved to Rome, N.Y. where he graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1977. Another move took him to Scottsboro, Alabama where he went to work for the Daily Sentinel newspaper. In 1982, he moved to Henderson, TX to work at the Sentinel's sister paper – the Henderson Daily News as a press operator. This is where he met Ramona Brightwell and they were married on May 21, 1983. Jim's father-in-law got him interested in the

Henderson Rescue Unit and he received the VFW Outstanding award in 1990. He also got his scuba diving certificate and became a rescue diver. He joined the Volunteer Fire Department in 1987 and then became a paid Firefighter in 1989. During his time on the department, he was awarded the VFW Outstanding award in 1994 and 2003; the Henderson's Best Firefighter in 2001 and 2003; and the Rotary Club Firefighter of the year in 2002. He also attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland 3 years, being the first person from Henderson to attend. He also got his EMT certification. Jim retired as the C shift captain in 2009 after 20 years of service. Soon after he became the Assistant Director of the Rusk County Depot Museum. In 2015, he retired again. During the days off, he worked for Crime Stoppers and became a published author with a story about the Battleship N.Dakota in Sea Classics magazine.

Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church and worked for the FUMC Pre-school for several years. He came to be known as Mr. Jim to the kids and parents. He even had one little girl that brought him a KitKat every time. He became a volunteer on the Battleship Texas serving as Officer of the Deck for the Youth Educational Program. Jim was a proud member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants having descended from John Howland. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Jim enjoyed so many things like spending time with family, four wheeling, snowmobiling, scuba diving, traveling, Clive Cussler books, building models and Legos, collecting R2D2 stuff, trains (he bought his own cabooses), space, movies, photography, pen turning, his husky fur babies (Dakoda and Shasta), genealogy, storm tracking, gummy bears, tasty cakes, mallow cups, MASH, House and Monty Python. But most of all he loved being a firefighter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Ralph and Peggy Brightwell.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona; his daughter, Corey Denison (Chris) and grandchildren, Jamey, Nathan, and Leynee Denison, all of Henderson; a son, Chris White and family of Tyler; a sister, Donna Berger (Bill) of Madison, Alabama and a brother-in-law, Tony Brightwell of Ft. Worth; a nephew, niece, and great-niece and cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Droder and the staff of UT Health Hope Cancer in Tyler, Chris Williams PA of Tyler Internal Medicine Associates and Dr. Roger Sessions of UT Health East Texas Physicians for the excellent care given over the past 8 plus years.

Pallbearers will be members of the Henderson Fire Department.

If you wish, please make donations to the Henderson Interchurch Ministry at 769 State Hwy 64, Henderson, TX 75652, of the charity of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAY **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
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Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



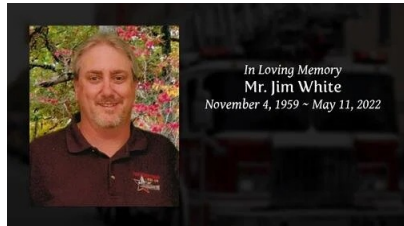
“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 16, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 13, 2022 at 03:20 PM

NT

*To Corey, your mom and to your whole family, this video tribute was breathtaking and heartbreaking at the same time. Was there anything Jim never did? So many adventures. I'll miss him. Sending HUGz and prayers.*

**Nancy Turley** - May 17, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JK

*Beautiful! Such a wonderful man with his life cut short. I am so very, very sorry. Treasure your memories of him as I will treasure my mine.*

*Janet Koon - friend from a very long time ago.*

**Janet Koon** - May 30, 2022 at 12:43 PM

ML

“ *Micki Chapman Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Micki Chapman Lindsey** - May 17, 2022 at 11:03 AM

SC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was truly such a kind person. Special prayers to each of you. Stonie and Ree Channel*



**Stonie and Ree Channel** - May 16, 2022 at 11:00 PM

SH

“ *Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Sue Henderson** - May 16, 2022 at 04:08 PM

KB

“ *Kaitlin Weaver - Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Kaitlin Weaver - Brown** - May 16, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Jim became such an important part of my life after meeting him at the National Fire Academy in Maryland back in 2008. Rarely did a day go by that we didn't Facebook message each other. Sometimes very deep conversations and sometimes just something silly or pointless. He helped me through some very dark times and I'm forever grateful. I will definitely miss the constant discussions with my brother firefighter. You all are in my prayers.*



*Marshall Cook, Retired Fire Chief  
City of Lamar, Colorado Fire and Emergency Services*

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**Marshall Cook** - May 16, 2022 at 11:20 AM

DW

“ *David Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**David Whitaker** - May 15, 2022 at 09:13 PM

GG

“ Greg And Melinda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Greg and Melinda Gibson - May 14, 2022 at 05:02 PM

ST

“ Jim was a good man. Very humble. He will be missed.



Serita Bane Tarver - May 14, 2022 at 01:33 PM

NL

“ We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. He was such a great guy to converse with and I will miss our conversations about our huskies. You are all in our thoughts during this difficult time. -The Leidich Family & Yuna



Nicole Leidich - May 14, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JJ

“ Jason And Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Jason and Susan Jarrell - May 14, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CS

“ Love and prayers for your family. Jim was a great guy

Christy Stanearth - May 14, 2022 at 08:54 AM

JF

“ Jodie Fox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Jodie Fox - May 14, 2022 at 04:34 AM

JP

“ Jim always cheerful and interesting! A great guy!!!!

Jan Pennal - May 14, 2022 at 12:35 AM

BD

“ Happy I knew Jim, sad he's gone. Very sobering when a High School Classmate passes, Jim was always fun to talk to and smile or joke ready to brighten up your day. I'm praying for him and his family.

Bob Demarest

Bob Demarest - May 13, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Pam Brown - May 13, 2022 at 06:43 PM

JD

“ *Jeanie Dickeson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Jeanie Dickeson** - May 13, 2022 at 11:14 AM

SC

“ *In loving memory of our Uncle Jim.*



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**Steve and Catharine** - May 13, 2022 at 11:08 AM

HM

“ *Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Hal Martin** - May 13, 2022 at 08:56 AM

SA

“ *Silbia Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Silbia Arnold** - May 12, 2022 at 11:26 PM

SF

“ RIP Yank - praying for your family, especially your two favorite girls, Corey & Ramona.

Stacy Frisbie - May 12, 2022 at 10:29 PM

PA

“ Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Patricia Akin - May 12, 2022 at 10:17 PM

GM

“ One of the best men I ever worked with, sure going to miss you old friend, RIP, never to be forgotten.

Gregg Maples - May 12, 2022 at 08:36 PM

SF

“ Jim was a great friend enjoyed the time we worked together at the Henderson Fire Department

Sammy Frost - May 12, 2022 at 07:29 PM

BB

“ When I was hired in 2002 at Henderson Fire Dept. I was plenty nervous. Jim immediately made me feel welcome and at ease. Jim always had a smile , an opinion and or advice at the ready. We get Nostalgic and tell stories from time to time ,on shift at the fire dept, about the good old days. Every time we do there is always a story about Jim. What he did, what he said or what he found in his BB. You will be missed Brother , R.I.P.

Bruce Bommarito - May 12, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JB

“ *Ramona my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏*



**Jane Brightwell** - May 12, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JT

“ *Jill Dulany Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Jill Dulany Turner** - May 12, 2022 at 03:44 PM

SR

“ *Ted, Lex, and Suzanne Reed*



**Suzanne Reed** - May 12, 2022 at 03:32 PM

BD

“ *Brandy And Danny Deason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



**Brandy and Danny Deason** - May 12, 2022 at 02:59 PM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Lacy Weaver** - May 12, 2022 at 02:58 PM

FD

“ *My good friend in scouts and band he was a good man. God speed Jim.*

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**Fdipaolo59@gmail.com** - May 12, 2022 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ *Jim was one of a kind. A man of many interests, and equally as many friends. He was kind, thoughtful and fun. He had an incredibly positive attitude and will be missed by many.*

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**Cathy Hooper** - May 12, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ *Jerry And Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



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**Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris** - May 12, 2022 at 02:01 PM

JB

“ Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - May 12, 2022 at 02:01 PM

MM

“ Malinda McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Malinda McDonald - May 12, 2022 at 01:57 PM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences to Jim's family.  
Craig & Paula Sweeney



craig Paula Sweeney - May 12, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White



Barbara J Jolley - May 12, 2022 at 01:09 PM

DK

“ *Prayer's & God's Comfort to this family!!*



David & Dianna Kelley - May 12, 2022 at 12:08 PM

RF

“ *Robin Fullington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



Robin Fullington - May 12, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *Joe White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jim White*



Joe White - May 12, 2022 at 10:15 AM

CW

“ *Johnny and I are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy and will be missed by many. God's comfort to you all in the days ahead.*

Cyndi Walker - May 12, 2022 at 09:59 AM

JC

“ Jim was a neighbor across the street for several years when he was a Fireman for the Henderson FD and worked for the HENDERSON DAILY NEWS. I visited with him when he was working for the RUSK COUNTY MUSEUM. We had many good visits out on Castlegate Dr. Rest easy Bro. Jim

Jim Cowart - May 12, 2022 at 09:56 AM

JS

“ Jim will be missed by so many. Love and prayers to his family.



Jeff and Tammy Stoddard - May 12, 2022 at 09:17 AM

BH

“ Barbara & Joel Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jim White



Barbara & Joel Hale - May 12, 2022 at 08:20 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing.

Donna J Aaron - May 12, 2022 at 02:11 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace, comfort, and understanding for family and friends.*  
*Bonnie Geddie*



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**Bonnie Geddie** - May 12, 2022 at 01:14 AM