



James "Jim" Madison Gilliam II

October 6, 1938 - June 15, 2023

James "Jim" Madison Gilliam II of South Houston, passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the age of 84. After several months of declining health, Jim died peacefully with his precious wife, Ilesia and his children by his side.

Jim was born in LaPorte, TX on October 6, 1938, to father Elbert John Gilliam and mother Nora Minton Gilliam as the oldest of four children.

Jim's life reflected true Christian character by loving his family, helping others through translating, serving at an orphanage and hosting others in his home. He demonstrated faithful service to his church, his job of 45 plus years and volunteering for KHCB Christian Radio for 50 plus years. Jim loved the arts and culture as his degree in Spanish and Art from the University of Houston reflected. He loved to paint, draw and make stained glass.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Wade Gilliam; two sons: James Gilliam and Jymmy Gilliam and one great grandson.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Ilesia Gilliam, his children: Raneé Terry (Delbert); Edgar Flores; Syndy Dryden (LD); Jacob Gilliam (Thi); Ami Halbur (Simon) and John Gilliam. His grandchildren: Joseph Gilliam, Jeannie Gilliam, and Ruth Toman; Noah Terry; Jesi Rae Solis, Orion Flores and Bryana Flores; Benjamin Dryden and Kaitlyn Dryden; Jimmy Gilliam; Peter Halbur, Henrik

Halbur and Clark Halbur; Richard Briones, Avery Gilliam and Madelyn Gilliam and a host of great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Joyce Gilliam and brother, Randy Gilliam.

A celebration of life is planned for Tuesday, June 20 from 12:30pm-2pm at the Church of Redeemer located at 5700 Lawndale St. Houston, TX 77023. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:30am before the service.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the friends from Church of the Redeemer and KHCB Christian Radio for their loving outpouring of support during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of Redeemer
5700 Lawndale Ave.
Houston, TX 77023

Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" Madison Gilliam II

October 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ James "Jim" Madison Gilliam II

October 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James “Jim” Madison Gilliam II.

June 19, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ The Blanchard Nazarene Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Madison Gilliam II.



The Blanchard Nazarene Church - June 19, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Jim and my family had known each other since meeting at the 1972 Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio. He was a dear friend and will be sorely missed. But we know he is with the Lord whom he deeply loved and is now reunited with those who preceded him. R.I.P, my brother! Godspeed!

Paul Christiaan Beenen - June 19, 2023 at 09:29 AM

KZ

“ Hugs and prayers for your family❤️

kathy zuch - June 18, 2023 at 10:23 PM

GG

“ So glad you made it possible for me speak to him. That must have been the morning of the day he passed away. He was a kind, good, loving man. God bless you all.



Ginny Walker Garrett - June 18, 2023 at 09:25 PM

GV

“ I'm very grateful to know that he was able to meet my baby, his great great grand daughter. - Love Gianna Varela (daughter of Jeannie Gilliam)



Gianna Varela - June 18, 2023 at 08:54 PM