



## Mr James Kevin Ashby

September 13, 1963 - December 26, 2023

Funeral services for Mr. James Kevin Ashby, 60, of Lake Jackson, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. The visitation will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

James Kevin Ashby was born on September 13, 1963, in Carthage, Texas. He passed away on

December 26, 2023, at the age of 60. He was the youngest of three children and the only son born to James and Louise Ashby.

He was proud to say that he went to Carthage schools from 1st grade through 12th, graduating in 1982. Making lifelong friends along the way, he was active in choir, band, and sports- his favorite sport being Carthage football.

He attended Panola College and then earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University, being the loudest and the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 1986. While at Texas A&M, he was involved in the Baptist Student Union as well as a dedicated member of the Texas A&M University Singing Cadets. He pursued a career as a maintenance, mechanical, and reliability engineer, moving from Katy to Beaumont, to Longview, to Lake Jackson.

After meeting at church in Kingwood, he married his beloved wife, Betty Ann (Reid) Ashby in 1988. The couple just celebrated 35 years together this past October. He was an active member of Baptist churches for many years

singing in choirs, teaching Sunday school, being a care group leader, as well as most recently serving as a deacon at First Baptist Church Lake Jackson. In addition to this, he spent the entirety of his adulthood actively supporting Carthage and Texas A&M football.

Preceding him in death are his parents James and Louise Ashby and sisters Sharon Ashby Davis and Karon Ashby O'Neal.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years Betty Ann Ashby of Lake Jackson, son Kyle Ashby and wife Alex Ashby of Beaumont, daughter Katy Ashby of Lake Jackson, and granddaughter Eleanor Ashby (daughter of Kyle and Alex Ashby). Also surviving him are his father-in-law Robert Reid of New Caney, sisters-in-law Suzanne Jeffcoat and husband Delbert Jeffcoat of Cold Springs, and Patricia Partridge and husband Wiley Partridge of Cleveland, brothers-in-law Bob Reid and wife Kim Reid of the Woodlands, and Bill O'Neal of Carthage. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

If desired, donations in Kevin's memory may be directed to your local church.

# Cemetery Details

## Duncan Cemetery

Us 79 and CR 454  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**DEC 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
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## Funeral Service

**DEC 31.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Dear Betty Ann, how well I remember you both. My heart is hurting for you but rejoicing in Kevin being in the presence of our Lord. My family all remember with admiration Kevin.  
May the Lord's care carry you through.  
In Christ's love, Carla Doolen

Carla Fooker - January 02, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DB

“ Dana B. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

Dana B. - December 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 02:42 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mike Connor - December 29, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Love, Barry, Lucinda, Harrison & Anna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

Love, Barry, Lucinda, Harrison & Anna - December 29, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 10:49 AM

JB

“ Sending my sincere and wholehearted condolences to Kevin's family and to the Carthage High School Class of 1982. A terrible loss for us here on hearth, but oh, what a celebration in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone he was connected with.

Jackland Berry-McDowell - December 29, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 29, 2023 at 08:28 AM

TF

“ The Isham Families & the Ratcliff Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

The Isham Families & the Ratcliff Family - December 29, 2023 at 08:28 AM

PS

“ As a former co-worker of Kevin’s, I always respected his genuine love for God. He was truly a gentle giant. Prayers go out this morning to the friends and family of Kevin during this very difficult loss.

phil Starks - December 29, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 28, 2023 at 09:48 PM

EA

“ Earline A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

Earline A. - December 28, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 28, 2023 at 09:03 PM

KO

“ Our family moved to Carthage in 1976 and joined Central Baptist Church. The Ashby family was the most gracious and welcoming family during my time there and always as a visitor after leaving Carthage.

Kevin was instantly a friend to those around him.

Prayers and Love to the Family. 🙏🙏🙏❤️

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**Kelly T Overton** - December 28, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ I began my career working alongside Kevin. He was an extremely kind man and I enjoyed our discussions with one another. We both had the East Texas countryside in our blood. I will never forget our work memories and off the cuff talks we had with one another. Keeping his family in my thoughts and prayers!



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**Brant Dykes** - December 28, 2023 at 08:54 PM

VA

“ So sorry for the families loss so soon after the loss of Louise , and now Kevin's passing .



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**Vernon Arthus** - December 28, 2023 at 08:40 PM

AM

“ I’ve know Kevin my entire life. Beginning with Kindergarten class and seeing him for the last time at our class reunion. As always, he had a huge hug and kind words. This world will definitely be a little dimmer with him gone and to his wife and children left behind I offer you many prayers. Sincerely Angela Myers.

angela myers - December 28, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 28, 2023 at 06:59 PM

DA

“ Dennis and Connie Bell Andrews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

Dennis and Connie Bell Andrews - December 28, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr James Kevin Ashby.



December 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM

KJ

“ Kyle’s aunts Lisa and Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr James Kevin Ashby.

Kyle’s aunts Lisa and Julie - December 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM

KF

“ Krista Kilgore Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mr James Kevin Ashby



Krista Kilgore Furtick - December 28, 2023 at 06:01 PM