



Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford

January 17, 1968 - April 21, 2026

Funeral services for Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford, 58, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday April 28, 2026, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker officiating. Burial will follow in the Clayton Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Monday night at Hawthorns.

Mr. James Kennedy Langford was born January 17, 1968, in Carthage, Texas. He passed this life unexpectedly April 21, 2026, in Dallas, Texas. James was the only child born to the marriage of Lee Ann Bass and Roy Dean Langford. He was a graduate of Klein High School in Spring, Texas, attended Panola College and Stephen F. Austin State University. Mr. Langford spent his career in the oil and gas industry as an energy consultant. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. He loved the outdoors, golfing and fishing. Known to be a quick wit, he was always happy and a proud father and devoted family man. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, James O. and Mae Bass, Ernest and Beatrice Langford.

Mr. Langford is survived by his parents, Roy and Lee Ann Langford of Carthage; loving daughter, Shelby Langford of Bethpage, TN; beloved grandson, Dawson Driskill of Bethpage, TN; and loving mother and grandmother to them, Judy Langford of Carthage; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jimmy Davis, Brent Farrell, Rusty Waples, Ken Langford, Larry Langford, Dale Dutcher and Perry Smith.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to Mission Carthage.

Cemetery Details

Clayton Cemetery

158 CR 1521
Clayton, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 27 at 05:23 PM

DS

He was my friend, smiling all the time. Loved his parents very much. God Bless

Danny Sneed - April 28 at 03:03 PM

DS

Always talking about Shelby his daughter.

Danny Sneed - April 28 at 03:04 PM

JM

What a beautiful video & tribute to Jim! 🕊️📺🙏 He was a great guy who will be greatly missed! 💔🙏

Janet York Mullaney - April 29 at 12:39 AM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 24 at 04:11 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Jim he was such a bright light always smiling, happy and ready for a chat. He will be truly missed; may he rest in peace.
Randy and Colleen Draughon

Colleen - April 28 at 10:30 AM

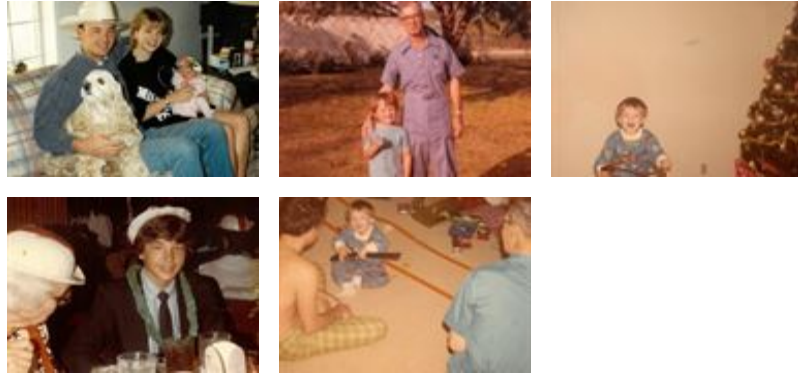


“ Virginia “. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford.

Virginia “. - April 27 at 06:30 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 27 at 05:02 PM

JH

“ John Handley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford.



John Handley - April 27 at 02:56 PM

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John Handley - April 27 at 02:56 PM

DD

“ Dawn and all the Driskills purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford.



Dawn and all the Driskills - April 27 at 12:21 PM

JD

“ Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford



janet Davis - April 27 at 11:18 AM

SJ

“ This is what 50 Years of friendship looks like! My heart is broken. You were my bestie, the boy across the street. You checked in with everyone and always let everyone know you loved them! I don't know how to go forward without you. Prayers going out to Roy and Lee Anne, Shelby and Dawson and everyone whose lives you touched.



Sandra Joplin - April 27 at 02:50 AM

PJ

“ I remember the first day Jim came to my family’s door when we first moved into Memorial Northwest subdivision. Over the next nearly decade I shared so many adventures with Jim from childhood until we were young adults. From riding bicycles in the woods behind our houses to driving our first cars and beyond. When thinking back on those simpler times I realize how fortunate and blessed I was to have had Jim as part of my life. Jim was always the spark of life no matter where he was. It is difficult to recall a time not seeing Jim smiling or goofing around to make others smile.

Thank you for being such a great friend You’ll never be forgotten



Phillip Martin Jr - April 27 at 12:03 AM

KE

“ Kendall and Elizabeth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Kennedy "Jim" Langford.



Kendall and Elizabeth - April 24 at 02:28 PM

NR

“ Back in the mid-1980s, post Klein era, Jim and a handful of compadres dropped by my condominium located in the back of Champions (those who know Champions....know Champions), and light just seemed to follow them inside my front door.



Fondly, I remember the twinkle in his eyes when whatever he said made everyone in the living room bust out laughing. Just as soon as the laughter seemed to stop, all it took was for eyes to glance at this person or that...nothing said...then laugh-out-loud started again. Joy is one word that instantly comes to mind regarding Jim.

The last time I saw him was that very afternoon decades ago, however, his presence was joyful, kindness, indelible.

There are those that wear a mask of do-gooder that behind it all God knows better and nothing they can do or say will ever be truly memorable for any of the right reasons.

There's many lessons to be learned, which takes little to no effort, and tje first of those is having a joyful heart with actions of sheer kindness.

That's what Jim 'sprinkled' in my home that day.....'joyful kindness'.

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*May the angels in heaven get to experience the joyful kindness of you, Jim, and may God allow those closest to you to see you in their dreams.*

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**Natalie Romaniuk** - April 24 at 12:24 AM

DS

*Thanks for sharing. Jim was and still is my friend. Every time we hung up talking on phone for 1 hour or so we would say "SEE YOU LATER BROTHER"*

**Danny Sneed** - April 25 at 02:40 PM

CM

*“Where do I even begin? Jim and I became friends in middle school, and he was like the brother I never had. His laugh was infectious one of those laughs that could fill a room and instantly make everything feel lighter. No matter what kind of day you were having, being around him made it better.*

*He had a way of making people feel seen and valued. Jim was the kind of person who would show up when it mattered most, whether it was for a quick laugh, a deep conversation, or just to sit with you when words weren't needed. He carried a kindness that was effortless and real.*

*Some of my favorite memories are the simple ones laughing until we couldn't breathe, sharing inside jokes, and just growing up side by side. Those moments may seem small, but they're the ones that stay with me the most.*

*Jim's impact on my life is something I'll always carry with me. He taught me what true friendship looks like, and I'm forever grateful for the time we had. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.*

*Your Friend, Carrie*



**carrie marini** - April 23 at 09:12 PM

RW

“ I met Jim in high school and knew immediately that I needed to become friends with him. His candle shone brighter than most so I was like a moth to the flame.

We quickly found out that we shared a similar sense of humor, enjoyed the same music and liked to have a bit of fun.

I was really excited to find out he was going to attend SFA as I was already there. Several Klein friends also came up with him and our group was inseparable.

Some how fate came into play and I started dating my now wife Lori in college. I had no idea that she was related to Jim. He found out and said “I approve”!

So the bonds go deep with Jim, family and friends.

We’ve kept up over the years and every time I saw him it was like we never had been apart. It was the same line each time “what’s up cuz?!”

The world is a bit dimmer now that his candle has gone out, but let’s all keep the memories of that flame going.



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Rusty Waples - April 23 at 07:27 PM