



## Mr James Madison Cockrell

June 25, 1943 - July 15, 2022

James Madison Cockrell  
Lena, MS

James Madison Cockrell (known as "Uncle Butchie" to family members and "Pete" to co-workers) went on to his heavenly home on Friday, July 15 at the age of 79.

James was born on June 25, 1943 in Ludlow, MS to Belle Parker and Jim Cockrell. He met Elaine Trippe, the love of his life in 1967 and married her on August 16, 1969. Over the next six years, the couple had 2 children, Kim Lathem and Dawn Barnes, and they set about teaching them the Golden Rule of Matthew 7:12: "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...".

James is survived by his wife, Elaine, of Ludlow, his daughters, Kim Lathem, and her husband, Timmy Lathem of Lena and daughter, Dawn Barnes of Carthage, his grandkids, Taylor and Lee Quates of Lena, Josh Lathem of Lena, and Blayze and Breeze Barnes of Carthage, his great grandkid, Charlee Quates of Lena, and his sister, Bobbie Sue Gilbert of Ludlow.

James served in the Army, was in the United States Secret Service under President Nixon, was a firefighter and captain in Jackson, MS, served as

State Fire Marshall, and finished his career as an arson investigator for Scott County. While he was very patriotic and had a strong desire to help others throughout his career, he was probably most known for the love he had for his family. He was generous, witty, and dedicated. He loved God and his family with a passion. He was an active and dedicated member of McDonald Union Church. Anyone who came to Sunday church service was sure to hear about the "blue jar" (a blue plastic receptacle used to collect money for ANYONE in need).

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 am at McDonald Union Church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate James's life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the little "blue jar" that meant so much to James so that he can continue to serve and help others.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **21**. 10:00 AM.

Mcdonald Union Church

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ James Cockrell was a good man. He was one of the most politest and professional men I’ve ever met. I am so sorry to hear of his loss. The world has lost one of its’ best but Heaven has gained a saint. My prayers go out to Miss Elaine, Kim, Dawn, and the whole family! It’s hard to find words to comfort you at this time but just know if anyone is in Heaven James is definitely there! Bless you all.



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**Jamie Johnson** - August 06, 2022 at 09:33 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss... or shall I say “our” loss. James Madison was the most wonderful, kind, compassionate man with such a big heart. My Grandmother loved him so much. As a child, I remember her telling us stories about her Brother being in the Secret Service and how proud she was of him, but she would remind us that we couldn’t tell anyone, because it was a “secret”! (Ha) There just aren’t enough words to describe what a good man James Madison Cockrell was. My family and all who had the honor of knowing him adored him and he will be missed so very much. It was a blessing to call him family and every time I think of him it warms my heart. If we all could be more like James, this world would be a much better place! Elaine and family... You are in our prayers and in our hearts.

*Sandra Sledge Majure and Family*

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**Sandra Majure** - July 20, 2022 at 09:39 PM

FH

“ Faye & Judy Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr James Madison Cockrell



Faye & Judy Harrell - July 20, 2022 at 07:10 AM

RM

“ I worked with Pete for many years in the Fire Loss Management. He was a great co-worker and friend. He was an honorable man who loved his family.  
He'll surely be missed.

Raymond (Mac) McNulty

Raymond McNulty - July 19, 2022 at 03:58 PM

RM

“ Raymond (Mac) and Carol McNulty purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr James Madison Cockrell.



Raymond (Mac) and Carol McNulty - July 19, 2022 at 03:49 PM

DJ

“ Always a pleasure to work with Pete over the years on and off of the JFD. Especially enjoyed our meetings during his time as a State Fire Marshal / Investigator. A good man, wish we had more like him.  
He will be greatly missed.

Dave Berry Jr - July 19, 2022 at 09:59 AM

BB

“ *I worked with Pete when he first came on Jackson For Dept. He was one of the nicest guys I worked with. He was an intelligent, hardworking Firefighter. May God bless & comfort the family.*

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**Bailey Ballenger** - July 19, 2022 at 09:53 AM