



## Mr James Ira Kennedy, Sr.

July 26, 1944 - July 17, 2024

James Ira Kennedy, Sr.  
Philadelphia, MS

James Ira Kennedy, Sr. passed away at his home surrounded by family on July 17, 2024, at the age of 79.

Services will be held at Pine Grove Church in Edinburg on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm. Visitation is 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 20, 2024, until service time. Interment is in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Jamey Kennedy, Taylor Parker, Chad King, Josh Ginn, John Cingolani, and Robert Rice.

He was born on July 26, 1944, in Greenville, MS to the now deceased Gordon Edward Kennedy, Sr and Velma Roberts Kennedy.

James graduated from Greenville High in 1963. He continued his education at Delta State where he graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He retired in 2000 after serving 25 years in the MSARNG where he received numerous medals and awards, including the rarely received Expert Infantry Badge. He retired again from MDOT in 2006. He married the love of his life on December 20, 1964. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son, Jamey and grandson, Taylor.

James is survived by his loving wife of 59 1/2 years, Kay Moore Kennedy;

daughter, Joell Stafford; son,  
James Ira Kennedy, Jr. (Jacki); three grandchildren, Jordan King (Chad),  
Taylor Parker (Amanda), and Morgan Ginn (Josh); ten great-grandchildren,  
Charley King, Kennedy "Jake" King, Ellie Mae King, Bailey Parker, Adalyn  
Parker, Emmie Trippe, Aiden Parker, Ezra Ginn, Eli Ginn, and Micah Ginn; two  
special nieces, Vicki Cingolani (John) and Mitzi Rice (Robert); one brother,  
Gordon Edward Kennedy, Jr. (Emily); two nephews and one niece.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pine Grove Cemetery**

Edinburg, MS 39051

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

JUL 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pine Grove Church of God  
93 Adams Rd  
Caarthage, MS 39051

## **Service**

JUL 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Grove Church of God  
93 Adams Rd  
Caarthage, MS 39051

# Tribute Wall

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“ James was always the kindest & warm hearted person!! He was always helping anyone that needed a helping hand! Kay, his wife, was his childhood sweetheart! They were a in love as two people could ever be! James will be missed by his big & loving family! RIP James!! God Bless!!

Trilby Fultz - July 20, 2024 at 06:41 AM

LR

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort and bless all of you during this time.

Linda Roberts

Linda Roberts - July 19, 2024 at 11:38 PM

BM

“ Billy, David, and Nikki Moore purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr James Ira Kennedy, Sr..



Billy, David, and Nikki Moore - July 19, 2024 at 07:50 AM

JP

“ Kay, Joel and Jamey,  
So very sorry to hear about James.  
Many sweet memories of our time in Greenville.  
Praying for y'all in the days to come.  
Danny & Joy

Joy Pope - July 18, 2024 at 08:31 PM

VF

“ *Varun Sreenivasan & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr James Ira Kennedy, Sr..*



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**Varun Sreenivasan & family** - July 18, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr James Ira Kennedy, Sr..*



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July 18, 2024 at 03:28 PM

RR

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of James. We go way back to Greenville MS and we commuted to Delta State University. My wife Martha and I rented a house on Ridge Ave. from his mom for several years also. Though we have not been in contact for years, I have many great memories of James! Rev. Charles Runnels*

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**Rev. Charles Runnels** - July 18, 2024 at 02:03 PM