



Dr. James Wesley Quillin

August 2, 1949 - May 25, 2021

The Rite of Burial of the Dead with Holy Eucharist will be celebrated for James Wesley Quillin at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 29, 2021, in St. James Episcopal Church, with The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D., D.D. and The Rev. Liz Ratcliff officiating. Entombment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Pineville, under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, May 28, 2021, at the funeral home and resume from 9:00 AM until the time of service on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

James is preceded in death by his father, Willard Quillin.

James Wesley Quillin was born in Waco, TX, in 1949, to Willard and Paulina Quillin. After a short stint in England during Willard's military service, he was raised in Pineville, LA, with his little sister, Susie. He attended Pineville High School and then Louisiana College, where he graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He obtained his master's degree in psychology at Northwestern State University in 1975. He obtained his doctorate degree in clinical psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi, graduating in 1978. He then completed a one-year psychology residency in Columbia, SC, at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute. In 1979, he started his private psychology practice in Pineville, LA. Soon after, he created his private psychological practice, Psychological Associates, in Alexandria, LA.

During his long professional career, he had the pleasure of treating thousands of patients in the central Louisiana area. He was published in multiple professional academic psychological journals, and for a brief period was an adjunct faculty member at Louisiana College. He has been a member of the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists (LAMP) since 1979, and he served as the organization's president from 2000-2004. He also served as the president of the Louisiana Psychological Association from 2009-2010. Late in his career, he pioneered the movement for focused prescriptive authority to be granted to psychologists with additional training in neuroanatomy and psychopharmacology. He was in the first class of psychologists to meet these rigorous standards and successfully obtain the distinction of a medical psychology degree in Louisiana. He was instrumental in the passage of legislation through both the Louisiana

State House of Representatives and Louisiana Senate to allow this degree to exist, and for medical psychologists to practice at the top of their license. As a member of several national and Louisiana state professional organizations, he received multiple awards for his service to the field and his dogged pursuit of excellence. He was very dedicated to advancement of his field, and he actively practiced in the field of psychology for 42 years. He was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church. He joined the congregation at St. James in 2012 and received his confirmation in the St. James Episcopal Church in 2014. In his church service he was a member of the St. James vestry, where he most recently served as the senior warden until his death. He regularly ushered church services within his church family. Additionally, he served on the church Stewardship Committee for several years, and was a member of the Russell Knight Men's Bible Study Group. His civic involvements include serving on the board of the Rotary Club of Alexandria for several years, active membership in the Parlangua men's Mardi Gras Krewe, and serving as king of the Krewe of Twelfth Night.

He was a beloved husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, fisherman, duck hunter, poker player, dog lover, Mardi Gras krewe member, Christian, genealogist, Irishman, and patriarch. He was a native son of central Louisiana, taken too soon from the family, friends, and community he loved. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Paige Quillin; children, Drs. Elizabeth McLemore (Aaron); Rebecca Bartlett (Grant), Jennifer Andrus (Brandon), and Drs. Joseph Quillin (Thanmaya Reddy); sister, Susie Quillin (Russell Ward); mother, Paulina Ussery; grandchildren, Anna Kate Bartlett, Jack McLemore, Molly McLemore, Luke McLemore, Emily Bartlett, Addison Andrus, Jude Andrus, and Ruth Quillin.

Pallbearers honored to serve will be Brandon Andrus, Grant Bartlett, Aaron McLemore, Don Barker, Gene Noel, and Babson Fresh. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jack McLemore. Charitable donations can be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 1620 Murray St., Alexandria, LA., 71301 or Louisiana History Museum, 503 Washington St., Alexandria, LA 71301.

To extend online notes of condolence to the Quillin Family, please visit <http://www.KramerFunerals.com>.

Cemetery

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
335 Main St,
Pineville, LA, 71360

Events

MAY 28 **First Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
Kramer Funeral Home
2905 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

MAY 29 **Second Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM
St. James Episcopal Church
1620 Murrary St, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

MAY 29 **Service** 11:00AM
St. James Episcopal Church
1620 Murrary St, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

Comments



“ Dear Joey,

This is a message for your family.

Dear Quillin Family,

My heartfelt condolences on your devastating loss. Dr. Quillin was a kind and noble man. I knew him for many years when I practiced in Shreveport. He was beloved by his patients, professional, and was always eager to help.

I just heard about his illness from Joey, and I'm so sorry to hear about his rapid decline. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire family. As I told Joey, you will see his spirit in your children and grandchildren. Earth knows no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Sincerely,

Anil Nanda, MD, MPH, FACS
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Anil Nanda - June 16 at 03:07 PM



“ Paige and family, I am so very sad at the loss of such a professional giant as well as a kind giving soul. I have many memories from over the years in LPA and then LAMP. One particular memory, that you too might remember and laugh about, was the time when several of us went to Washington, DC for the APA annual Leadership Conference. He got there to find out, I think, that he didn't have a room at the hotel. There was a discussion about who he could bunk with, who was in attendance, etc. It was mentioned that you'd be fine with his bunking in my room since there was no threat there, ha. Where ever he went, there was laughter but also a great deal of productivity. I feel proud to have known him and feel like a better psychologist because of his efforts for several practice expansions, only the latest of which was prescriptive authority. May your pain lessen though I know it'll never leave. Sadly and very sincerely, Catherine Hansen

Catherine Hansen - June 03 at 07:26 PM



“ Little did I know how the Quillin family has impacted my life. Not only was I his patient but, reading his obituary, I now realize that two of his daughters also have a hand in my wellbeing. To the entire Quillin family, and especially Elizabeth and Jenny, my deepest condolences. His patients trusted him with their darkest fears, yet he was always calm, steady, and kind. He was a brilliant, soft-spoken doctor whose smile meant simply everything will be okay. My only regret is that I did not seek his help sooner.

Mary Marcotte - June 03 at 01:21 AM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 31 at 11:34 AM



“ Love and light to Jim and his family. It was an honor to serve with him in the American Psychological Association Council of Representatives. He was a true trailblazer and dedicated clinician. He will be missed. James H Bray, PhD, Former President, American Psychological Association

James H Bray, PhD - May 31 at 07:04 AM



“ Shelley Faulk And Edward Atwood lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Wesley Quillin



Shelley Faulk and Edward Atwood - May 29 at 10:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 28 at 09:23 PM



“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. Always kind, always encouraging. I feel a great loss personally and send prayers out to his family.

Loryn Frey - May 28 at 06:48 PM



“ I was a patient of Dr. Quillin for many years. He helped me through many dark places. I appreciate him for all he did for me. The encouraging words he gave me and reminded me to hold on to my faith. It is difficult to accept that God has called him home but I know it is God's will not ours. I'm glad I got a chance to tell him several times that I appreciate him. To Paige, his children and staff, keep his memories alive and know that he is comfortable with him Father in heaven.

Alberta Liggins

Alberta Liggins - May 28 at 06:34 PM



“ I was friends with "Jim" way back in the early '80s. He, I, and several other friends would drive out to Zimmerman, set up our telescopes, and observe for hours, even in below-freezing weather. Jim owned a 10" reflecting telescope. After observing, we'd stop at Plantation Belle outside Boyce for a hamburger and coffee. I am saddened to hear of his death.

Darian Rachal - May 28 at 01:46 PM



“ crust, rashy, kari, katie and joyce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



crust, rashy, kari, katie and joyce - May 28 at 10:52 AM



“ I was a patient of his for a few years he was a great doctor, he helped me through some great problems I have he will be missed from Sandra Coffman

Sandra Coffman - May 28 at 10:36 AM



“ James was a child-hood friend, who took his time away for education, then returned home to serve his profession and community. He will be missed, but I doubt ever forgotten. May he rest in peace, with Perpetual Light to shine upon him! Joseph

Joseph Voda - May 28 at 10:17 AM



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May 28 at 09:34 AM



“ Dr. Quillin saw my mom (she passed in January) and helped her tremendously. He was always the patient's advocate and it was evident he truly cared. My condolences for your loss. -Stacy (Watts) Parker

Stacy Parker - May 28 at 08:59 AM



“ Dr Quillin was a lifesaver with a great sense of humor. He never took for granted the trust his patients placed in him. I will miss him greatly.

Amanda Kenimer - May 27 at 11:54 PM



“ Jim was one of kind... he trusted me to be his Co-Director of the Substance Abuse Unit at Central State Hospital in the 1970's where he proved to be a mighty mentor and teacher.

We were friends through all these years ... I remembering us throwing him a baby shower for the triplets that were soon to come and be the light of his life along with his deep love for Paige.

Gone too soon... but what a legacy of love, service and mentorship for many who were able to work by his side!

Vikki Scarafiotti - May 27 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 27 at 07:54 PM



“ James Quillan was a true pioneer. He guided us through the legislative and training process to become Medical Psychologists. It was his vision that lead us on the path to where we are today. It was an honor to be in the first class with him. I am very grateful for his wisdom and leadership. With the deepest respect, I am a Medical Psychologist today because of Jim. Most Sincerely, Darlyne G. Nemeth, PhD, MP



Darlyne G. Nemeth, PhD, MP - May 27 at 06:19 PM



“ Thank you Darlene! And thank you for attending the funeral. It was good to see you.

Paige - June 02 at 08:42 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 27 at 05:17 PM



“ I have nothing but pure love and respect for Dr. Quillin! He did more for me than he will ever really know, and it was a blessing for me to have known him for the couple of years that I did.

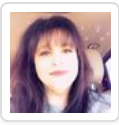
My deepest condolences to his family, friends, and acquaintances that were equally blessed to have known such a wonderful person and doctor! He will truly be missed!

Gina Langley - May 27 at 05:00 PM



“ I'm so glad to hear of the positive impact he had on your life. Your sharing this warms my heart

Paige - June 02 at 08:45 AM



“ Lisa Brunson lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Wesley Quillin



Lisa Brunson - May 27 at 03:51 PM



“ Thank you

Paige - June 02 at 08:45 AM



“ Jim Quillin was a tireless advocate for the profession of psychology. This photo was taken in Honolulu in August 2004, when he was given the Karl F. Heiser APA Presidential Award for Advocacy. This award is given to "honor those psychologists who have given voluntarily of their time to define the discipline of psychology statutorily by state and federal laws and regulations through advocacy." On a personal note, we will miss his quick wit, intelligence, and his loyal friendship of many years.

With deepest sympathy to Paige and the Quillin family,
John Bolter and Brenda Dawson



John F Bolter - May 27 at 03:30 PM



“ The Dynamic Duo

Paige - May 29 at 10:51 PM



“ Jim was a remarkable person, psychologist, friend, and mentor. Jim was on the Psychology Board that examined me for my psychology license and if not for Jim, I may not be where I am today. He was a born leader and was always preparing for the future. He along with a core group of psychologists was responsible to creating the profession of Medical Psychology and I am proud to have been in the first cohort with Jim and those other pioneers. I have been the beneficiary of Jim's guidance, mentorship, wisdom, and most importantly, his friendship. I have so many memories of Jim that they cannot be condensed into this brief note. But they will always be with me as I remember them and Jim fondly. My sincere condolences to Paige and the family.

Joe Comaty, PhD, MP
Baton Rouge, LA

Dr. Joseph E. Comaty - May 27 at 02:04 PM



“ Thank you so much for honoring his legacy! He loved his “classmates” as do I.

Paige - June 02 at 08:47 AM



“ From: Alex Solutions, Drs. Gad, Benghozi & Urbi purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



From: Alex Solutions, Drs. Gad, Benghozi & Urbi - May 27 at 01:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 27 at 01:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 27 at 12:24 PM



“ Rivers Solutions extends our condolences on the loss of Dr. Quillin. Praying for his staff and his family.

Kim - May 27 at 12:18 PM



“ Thank you

Paige - June 02 at 08:48 AM



“ Zack and Shannon Jenkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



Zack and Shannon Jenkins - May 27 at 10:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James Wesley Quillin.



May 27 at 10:02 AM