



## James Jay Braniff

May 13, 1930 - August 31, 2016

To know James Jay Braniff was to love him. JJ passed away on August 31, 2016 as a result of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. JJ was born on May 13th, 1930, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was a resident of Richmond, Texas and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

JJ will be reunited with his parents, six of his siblings, his beloved wife Patsy and his beloved son Rick.

He leaves behind his best friends, his family. Mary Jo and Ken Michener, Chris and Rick Forcier, Mike and Stacy Braniff, Jayme and Mike Barnett, Martin Braniff, David Braniff, as well as grandchildren, Dan, Diana, Andy and Clara Braniff, Nicole and John White, Meagan Barnett, Emalee and Natalee Braniff and great grandchildren, Weston and Kinley White. He also leaves behind his two sisters, Nancy Reilly and Helen Boylen, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

We feel lucky to have been so loved by JJ, because his love was unconditional, never ending and genuine.

He will be especially remembered for his JJ'isms and his story telling, and oh boy, did he have some stories to tell! We could listen to his stories over and over again.

Visitation for our JJ will be on September 2, 2016 from 1:00 until service time at 2:00 p.m., at the Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home Chapel, in Rosenberg Texas. JJ will be laid to rest in St. Leo the Great Catholic Cemetery in Centerville, Texas, minutes away from the Braniff Ranch, which he loved so

much.

He is at peace now, but for those of us who love him, his passing leaves a deep emptiness in our hearts.

We would like to thank Andrea Brown for her loving care of JJ over the last several months.

# Tribute Wall

KY

“ *Mr. Jim...everyone called you JJ but for some reason we always called you Mr. Jim. We are going to miss you. Rest in peace. Praying for the family*

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**Kay & BJ Young** - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

QU

“ *My condolences go out to your family during this most difficult time. May you find comfort and peace in knowing that your loved one is in God's memory Psalms 116:15.*

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**Quinton** - September 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *So sad for the loss of JJ... We had some fun times together at the hunting lease and cabin. It meant so much to see him at Chuck's funeral, now the two of them are together again. All my love to the family, Connie*

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**Connie Braniff** - September 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To JJ's family,  
On behalf of Maxine and Herb Phelan and Ben and Linda Mathews,  
we want to tell all of you how much we will miss visiting w JJ at  
The Hill. We just found out this morning about his death and  
service. His obituary beautifully captured the essence of JJ -- kind,  
love of family, friend to all. To his daughters who brought him to visit,  
we express our deep sympathy. We feel honored to have been  
friends with JJ . We afternoon Hill old folks will miss him and his  
constant smile.  
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
Amen

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**Maxine Phelan** - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. He was a great guy.

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**Kay Braband** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ JJ welcomed me into the family even making sure to play a prank on me not long after meeting him. When my favorite iron ballerina statue broke, JJ told Rick he had a friend that could weld it back together. I was so excited until Rick told me JJ's friend successfully welded it together, but unfortunately he welded it the wrong way. I believe too many drinks was the excuse Her top half was facing the back, so it did not match up with the front of her legs! I didn't know what to say!! I told Rick I would try and put a plant or something in the front as she was one of my favorite pieces, but I was so disappointed. Of course when the ballerina was delivered it was done perfectly and you couldn't tell it had ever been broken. JJ and Rick thought it was hilarious!! I knew then the Braniff's were going to be a fun family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family as I know this is a huge loss. I hope there is comfort in knowing he is out of pain and with his loved ones! Love, Vickie

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September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family. May the God of all comfort sustain you during this difficult time. Hosea 13:14

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**JW** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM