



James Stephen Pappas

March 23, 1957 - December 28, 2025

James Stephen Pappas, 68, passed away on December 28, 2025 in Grand Prairie, Texas.

He was born on March 23, 1957, in Mobile, Alabama to the late Demetra James Pappas and Alice Burrough.

James was a man who loved music and loved life, and he especially loved playing the guitar. A gifted and passionate culinary artist, he built a distinguished career as an executive chef and ice sculpture designer. He was the proud owner of Dallas Ice Sculpture, where his creativity, craftsmanship, and dedication left a lasting impression on countless events and celebrations. His work reflected not only his talent, but also his joy in bringing beauty and happiness to others.

James is survived by his beloved wife, Amelia, with whom he shared 43 years of marriage, children; Amelia Pappas (husband Javier Albert), Alicia Ratliff (husband Alex Ratliff, IV), Angela Pappas (husband Horacio Mendez), and James Stephen Pappas Jr., grandchildren; Avery Pappas, Lucia Albert, Illiana Ratliff, Alayna Ratliff, Alexander Ratliff, Brandon Totubbi, Christopher Rodriguez, Alicia Pappas, Jazmin Garza, James Pappas, III, and Zinnia Ramirez, each of whom brought him immense joy. He is also survived by his siblings Michael K. Pappas, Daniel Pappas, and Richard Pappas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Charles Pappas.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2025, at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 with a rosary at 11:00 a.m.

Burial will follow immediately at Mountain Creek Cemetery, 2099 Hardy Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051.

James will be remembered for his creativity, his generosity, his love of music, and the deep love he held for his family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the family he cherished.

Cemetery Details

Mountain Creek Cemetery

2099 Hardy Rd.
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Rosary

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 3. 1:30 PM (CT)

Mountain Creek Cemetery
2099 Hardy Rd.
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Tribute Wall



“ James you will truly be missed. You were my friend and mentor and inspired me to do better. You always found good in people and took the positive from any situation put in front of you. Thank you for making me laugh, step outside my comfort zone and teach me about great music. RIP my friend.

Kim Riggs - January 04 at 09:35 AM



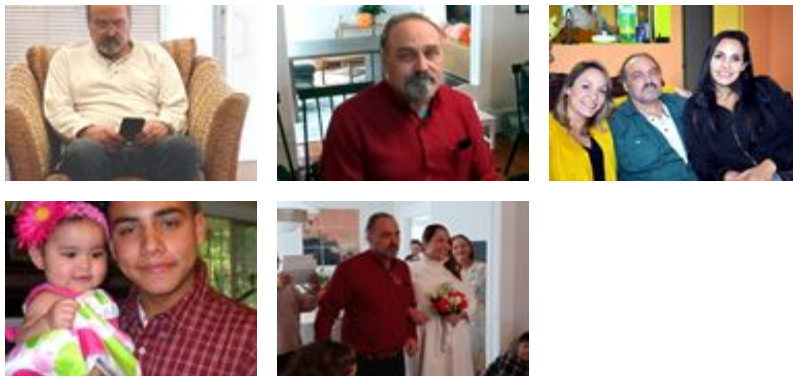
“ From The Salerno Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Stephen Pappas.



From The Salerno Family - January 02 at 04:17 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - January 02 at 03:53 PM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - January 02 at 01:10 PM



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Amelia Pappas - December 31, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Thanksgiving 2025*



Amelia Pappas - December 31, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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“ *There was always a song to play. Love you daddy.*



Angela Pappas - December 31, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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alicia - December 31, 2025 at 01:44 AM

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“ *My sweet dad, you are forever in my heart. The best man I have ever known. I love you !*



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