



James Carroll Leo

October 8, 1941 - July 18, 2020

James Carroll Leo passed away on July 18, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with Covid-19. Jim worked tirelessly to keep from getting the virus for many months before succumbing to the disease.

James is survived by: his wife, Patricia Ann Leo; his two daughters Kim Crosby and her husband Rodney and their three children: Colby, Caden, and Cooper of Montgomery, Texas and Beth Pali and her husband Brett and their two children Erin and Drew of Spring, Texas; his step-daughter Kim Hayden of Spring, Texas and step-son Lieutenant Colonel Casey Hayden and his wife Pam and their two children Malin and Reid of Omaha, Nebraska. Jim is also survived by his brother Brian Leo and wife Kathleen of Flint, Texas, and sister Debbie Crawley and her husband Dace of Florence, Mississippi as well as nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on October 8, 1941 to Edmond and Carrette Leo. His high school years were spent as an avid "Golden Crane" at Crane High School in Crane, Texas earning many athletic achievements. He graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with a degree in education.

His then started his career as a teacher and football coach in Alpine, Texas. Jim coached in various places throughout Texas and even spent some time

with the Chicago Fire, one of the early teams in the World Football League. Later, he became a principal in the Conroe Independent School District. His last role in education was in the Spring Independent School District as an Assistant Superintendent. He came back out of retirement two or three times while with Spring ISD to help out during special circumstances.

Jim loved football, golf, wood-working, reading, and watching Aggie football. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends as well as other believers. Both he and Pat spent countless hours working through various Bible studies in the Precept Bible Study Series. He enjoyed his time with friends in the Caring Friends Class at Spring Baptist Church, his Alzheimer's Support Group, as well as his Thursday morning breakfast club. He was a problem solver and often took on difficult projects both at home and in his work. He loved Merle Haggard and anything on KSBJ. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

A memorial service is scheduled for July 29, 2020 at 10:00 am at Spring Baptist Church located at 633 East Louetta Rd. in Spring, Texas. Pastor Barry Klemptner will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Carroll Leo*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Jim Leo was a wonderful man. I had the pleasure of meeting him while working in SISD. We had met while I was working in Transportation and then Jim gave me the job Director of Operations. He was an excellent Supervisor. He told you what he wanted and expected of you and sent you on your way. He was always available when you had a question or problem. He had a great sense of humor and if would show up anytime. He could break the ice and tension with one of his off the wall sayings. He loved his family and proud of all of his kids. I will never forget when the twins were born. He had a grin on his face from ear to ear. He was a wonderful and and I will never forget him. My prayers to his family.*

C.G. Cezeaux

C.G. Cezeaux - July 31, 2020 at 06:47 PM

RS

“ I had the opportunity to work for Jim at Spring ISD when he hired me back in 1991. He was a very caring person while providing that tough love we sometimes needed. I always appreciated him taking a chance on me when he hired me and giving me the best foundation to help learn the business side of working for a school district. His guidance, support and knowledge was instrumental for my continued growth in my career. The one regret I have is that I never ever told him that and personally thank him for his guidance and wisdom. Jim will be greatly missed but his legacy will live on in all the people that were fortunate enough to be blessed to know him. Our hearts go out to the family and hope you find peace in knowing how great of a person Jim was. May he Rest In Peace!!

Roy Sprague - July 28, 2020 at 10:59 PM

JE

“ He was such a delight at our meetings. He has such a big heart and will keep it where ever he goes. God took another angel home.

May gods angels keep their arms around
Jims family to protect and support them during this time.
Joy



Joy Ebel - July 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM

TO

“ After reading all the posts, it is truly a special man. I meet Jim at the Alzheimer’s support group, what a joy to talk with him. He always was supportive with a kind word or comment. I learned another key lesson from Jim again today, always ask people about their past life. Looks like a wonderful and interesting history. Crane is not that large, been thru many times. I bet he was a “Fire Cracker” in school and as a coach. Prayers to his family, what an example of how to be a husband. Thank you.

Troy Oney - July 28, 2020 at 01:38 PM

KH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kim Hsyden - July 27, 2020 at 02:25 PM

KH

Kim Hayden, not Hsyden

Jim was my step-father. This is a picture of him feeding my mom Pat Leo, lunch at the nursing home where she has been a resident for the past three and a half years, due to her diagnosis of Alzheimer's. This clearly illustrates how he took care of her. He visited her at the nursing home almost every other day, before the nursing home stopped allowing visitors in March due to COVID restrictions. He went to visit her at lunch time so he could feed her and make sure she was getting enough to eat.

Kim Hsyden - July 27, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JS

Kim,

Thank you for sharing this picture of Jim and your Mom. He was so loving and caring for her during her illness. This is the Jim that other caregivers in our support group came to know through his stories and struggles dealing with Alzheimer's. He was a wonderful part of our group and will be sadly missed.

Joan Sabino - July 28, 2020 at 11:56 AM

JU

Kim-

Thank you for sharing the photo of your mom and Jim, That is the Jim that I knew from the last 5-7 years in the Alzheimer's Support Group! He was such a sweet person, always very positive when life is not easy! He spoke well of your mom and you could tell he was very dedicated and very loving to her even during her most difficult time in her life! He has a sense of humor and would share funny jokes after the support mtg. Thank you for sharing his story!!!! May he rest in peace! Prayers to you and the family and my God blessed you all as you go forward!

Judy Finger

Judy - July 28, 2020 at 02:28 PM

YF

“ *Your TCH Education Team Friends purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James Carroll Leo.*



Your TCH Education Team Friends - July 26, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Carroll Leo.*



July 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *I worked with Coach Leo in Spring ISD. He was such a talented individual who could tackle & complete successfully any task. He cared deeply about his family, his friends and SISD. His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was first and foremost in everything he did. A good man! RIP in peace my friend!*
Craig Wiseman

Craig Wiseman - July 26, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *I worked with Coach Leo at Spring ISD. He was such a caring guy and lots of fun to be around. Great sense of humor with a big laugh. He did so much for Spring ISD and when there was a problem his answer was always “Yes sir, we’ll take care of it.” Rest In Peace.*
Howard Hall

Howard Hall - July 26, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bob Jones - July 25, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JG

Jimmy and I were team mates for the Crane Golden Cranes. He was a great running back. Always a hard worker that tried to fulfill his part. Always had a smile on his face. So sorry for his families loss. May God comfort you as only he can.

Johnny Griffin - July 26, 2020 at 12:34 AM

BJ

“ Jan & I love Jim and Pat Leo and send our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. As substitute Teacher in Caring Friends Sunday School Fellowship, I often called on Jim to be our scripture reader for the day's Bible study. His rich low voice was just perfect for bringing the scriptures to life with meaning and depth. Thank you Jim for blessing us in this manner Jim. Jim and Pat are greatly missed from our fellowship. God bless and rest your soul Jim and keep the hearts of your family in His perfect peace and bless Pat as she misses your visits.

Bob & Jan Jones

Bob Jones - July 25, 2020 at 06:57 PM

CB

“ I really enjoyed the years I worked with Jim Leo. I always found him to be a kind and very fair man. Condolences to all his family.

Carroll Baker - July 25, 2020 at 03:51 PM

RQ

*“ Pat & children,
My most sincere condolences to all of you. May the Lord wrap you in His arms of love and comfort you as you mourn Jim's loss. May Jim's memory be a blessing! May he Rest in Peace.*

Rosie Villarreal Quintero - July 25, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JE

“ *The most important thing is Jim was a true Christian man. He knew his bible in Precept and Caring Friends Class. Jim and Pat were always ready to help everybody. He is missed.*

Janice Engel - July 25, 2020 at 02:11 PM

MS

“ *Oh, how we will miss this guy !!!! He was in our Caring Friends Class and always had an awesome smile. I remember meeting him and finding out we both had lived in CRANE COUNTY!! Pat and I laughed when I called him my “Crane County” friend. Even in the hard times of life, Jim could always find a smile and his great laugh will be missed. Praying for his family.
David and Martha Safford*

Martha Safford - July 25, 2020 at 01:28 PM

KA

“ *Debbie, I’m so sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to you and your family.*

Karen - July 25, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BL

“ *Prayers go out to Jim’s family and friends.
Condolences to all who knew and loved him.*



barbara leand - July 25, 2020 at 09:13 AM

SB

“ Sincerest sympathy on the passing of Jim. I worked with Jim at SISD. He was a kind man that loved life! Keep your fondest memories close to your heart.

Sandy Bottner - July 25, 2020 at 08:01 AM

LH

“ Just remembering a very kind man with a great smile! Prayers for family!

Laura Hazelwood - July 24, 2020 at 11:19 PM

RC

“ I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing! I had the opportunity to work with him in SISD. He was a good man and brought laughter and joy to many. RIP, Jim!

Renee Coleman - July 24, 2020 at 10:47 PM

NL

“ We went to school together in the 50's and everyone knew him as the fastest little quarterback Crane had ever seen. I went to church with him also and am so glad he knew the Lord. Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Norma (Horne) Lewis, class of '59

Norma L Lewis - July 24, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Carroll Leo.



July 24, 2020 at 09:10 PM

LG

“ *What a SPECIAL and TALENTED individual- -He and I shared so many Days on School projects and quiet talks about Life and Jesus- HE KNEW OUR LORD AS SAVIOR*

Leonard George - July 24, 2020 at 09:08 PM

KS

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting your dad several times. He was kind, and he had a great smile. I know his passing must be incredibly painful, but I hope you find peace knowing that he is with the Lord. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Beth!*

Kim Sly

Kimberly Sly - July 24, 2020 at 08:58 PM

GW

“ *I enjoyed working with Jim during his years at Spring ISD. He had a wonderful sense of humor and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Glenda Waller

Glenda Waller - July 24, 2020 at 07:39 PM

LL

I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I knew him during his years in Spring ISD and he will be missed by many in our education community.

Linda Lightfoot - July 28, 2020 at 12:51 PM

LP

Very respectful, humble with a sweet smile always, sharing small conversations about family and life, after 18 years of cutting his hair every 3 weeks, I will deeply miss him! My condolences thoughts and prayers go to his family and everyone who knew him, Rest In Peace my dearest friend.

Letty Pierce - July 28, 2020 at 11:11 PM