



# James (Jim) Vaughn

April 16, 1946 - September 30, 2024

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James Flynt Vaughn, affectionately known as Jim, passed away on September 30, 2024, at the age of 78, with his beloved wife, Beverly, by his side. Born on April 16, 1946, in Collins, Mississippi, to Garland and Katie Flynt Vaughn, Jim lived a life filled with purpose, passion, and a deep love for nature.

Jim graduated from Provine High School in Jackson, Mississippi, before earning a degree in Landscape Architecture from Mississippi State University. He went on to pursue a Master's Degree at Texas Tech University, where he crafted a Master Land Use Plan for the university campus. Jim also served in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam War.

From an early age, Jim developed a love of nature while exploring the pine forests of his grandmother's farm. This passion stayed with him throughout his life, and he often included habitats for birds and wildlife in his landscape designs. His own home was a testament to this love, with lush vegetation, water features, and feeders creating a sanctuary for birds, squirrels, and butterflies.

Throughout his distinguished career, Jim's work took him across the South, where he worked on land planning and park designs. He was a visionary in the creation of large developments, including The Cascades in Tyler and Somerset in Fort Worth. His landscaping projects could be seen throughout Highland Park, Dallas, Fort Worth, and the Rockwall/Heath area.

In August of 1988, Jim was introduced to his wife, Beverly, by mutual friends, and their bond grew into a loving and lasting partnership.

Jim is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Terrell; his brother Garland and wife Mary, and nephew Derek of Brandon, Mississippi; his brother-in-law Joe Smith and wife Cindy of Wills Point; nieces Abigail Smith of Terrell, Alex Smith and Jenn Reha of Richardson;

nephew Zane Smith and wife Tara of Forney; and grand-nieces and nephews Serenity, Addyson, Landon, Payton, and Carson.

A memorial service will be held at Saint Matthew's Cathedral, 5100 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, on October 19 at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's family asks that memorials be made in his honor to support:

Friends of the Hulse Public Library, [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=JCUDVJMHFTGCC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=JCUDVJMHFTGCC)

or to St. Matthew's Cathedral at <https://episcopalcathedral.org/giving/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew's Cathedral  
5100 Ross Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75206

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ Beverly, you know how we felt about Jim. We were so lucky to have moved in next to him 30+ years ago. I will admit the first time someone asked if we had met our neighbor, Wild Jim, we may have raised our eyebrows, but he was "wild" in the best of ways. He figures prominently in many wonderful stories from our living in East Dallas. I know you will miss him dearly and I am so glad that you are surrounded by his work and love for you in your garden.

Leslie and Lisa - October 19, 2024 at 07:57 PM

SL

“ Steve and Pat Laird purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James (Jim) Vaughn.



Steve and Pat Laird - October 08, 2024 at 04:35 PM

SL

“ Steve and Pat Laird planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James (Jim) Vaughn.

Steve and Pat Laird - October 08, 2024 at 04:35 PM

TT

“ The Complete Landsculpture Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James (Jim) Vaughn.



The Complete Landsculpture Team - October 08, 2024 at 04:32 PM

GF

“ Jim was an amazing person and the most talented landscape architect and professional I've ever know in 40 years in the business. Our 25 years plus friendship means the world to me and he will forever be missed. Love you Bev!

Gene Freeman - October 08, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CH

“ Beverly, so sorry to hear about your husband. Please know that our thoughts are with you.

Cindy Hunter - October 07, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JA

“ Beverly, Jim and I roomed together in Memphis during the early 70's. We lost touch after I married, but I thought of him often. He was a great guy and a friend. So sorry for your loss.  
Jim Armstrong

Jim Armstrong - October 06, 2024 at 06:38 PM

SB

“ Beverly- Brian and I are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was always so kind to both of us. I know you are surrounded by so much support. We are sending our prayers to you.

Sara Brown - October 06, 2024 at 01:07 PM

HR

“ Beverly, We are so sorry for your loss. Mom and I will be keeping you and your family in our prayers. We will truly miss Jimmy.



Holly Rust - October 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

BM

“ Beverly, i'm so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. 🙏

Beth Maley - October 01, 2024 at 02:56 PM

BM

“ Beth Maley lit a candle in memory of James (Jim) Vaughn



Beth Maley - October 01, 2024 at 02:53 PM



*Beverly,  
May God bless and comfort you in your loss.*

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**Alice Russell** - October 10, 2024 at 10:46 AM