

Jim Raynes

August 27, 1937 - February 23, 2018

Jim Talmadge Raynes, longtime resident of Terrell, Texas, passed away Friday evening, February 23, 2018, at Dallas Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Paula Jo Minter Raynes, daughters: Amy Fox and husband, Gary, of Terrell, Jennifer Rogers and husband, Gregg, of Royce City; grandchildren: Andrew Morton Burnes, Brett Talmadge Fox, Brandon Paul Scoggins, Lauren Elizabeth Fox, Jett Rogers, and Peyton Rogers. He is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mr. Raynes was preceded in death by his parents Eugene Talmadge and Amanda Savannah Raynes, sister and brother-in-law Lometa and James Lancaster, sister Louise Raynes, sister and brother-in-law Frances and James Dear, and sister and brother-in-law Nita and Paul Roundtree.

Raynes was born August 27, 1937 in Hunt County where he graduated from Commerce High School and East Texas State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Reserve.

Mr. Raynes joined the First United Methodist Church of Terrell in 1964, was a member of United Methodist Men, and attended and led the Advanced Sunday School Class for many years.

In 1962, Raynes became the Sports Editor of the Terrell Tribune—then a daily newspaper which published six days per week. Within a year he was named Managing Editor—a title he held for 35 years before his retirement. During his tenure as the editor of the newspaper, he served as the lead reporter on nearly all key areas of editorial coverage. He covered the Terrell-ISD beat, as

well as the Kaufman County Courthouse and was the lead reporter for Terrell City Hall. Under Raynes' leadership, The Terrell Tribune won many awards for journalistic efforts. He also captured over 30 individual first place awards at the Texas Press Convention for his own writing and photography.

The Tribune's long-time editor was named Texas' Top Small Daily Newspaper Columnist by the TPA in 1975, 1976, and 1982. In 1980, he was named the Top Overall Editorial Writer. Jim Raynes was well respected for the stability, fairness and balance he gave to his reporting. He never subscribed to "sensational" journalism and kept a calm perspective on the events that have been a part of Terrell's history over the three decades he was overseeing the newspaper.

Raynes retired from the Tribune in 1997, in part to help raise his growing number of grandchildren. Over the final two decades of his life, he developed a very close bond with his grandchildren who visited him on a nearly weekly basis from birth through maturity. The sight of Mr. Raynes at a booth surrounded by his grandchildren was a very common one in a number of Terrell's restaurants throughout his twilight years.

In an article written by Bill Jordan concerning Raynes' retirement, he was quoted as saying: "His (Raynes) wry wit and calm manner are such an important part of the daily lives of those of us who have worked with him." This was true in his life outside the newspaper office as well. Jim Raynes was dedicated to his wife, his daughters, and his grandchildren. He loved the Raynes and Minter families and enjoyed many special and loyal friends. He was a true gentleman.

A Celebration of Life for Jim Raynes will be 3:00 pm Thursday March 1, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Terrell with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 503 W. College St, Terrell, TX 75160, and to Renewal in Christ Ministries, PO Box 94, East Moline, IL 61244.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Raynes*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

LM

“ I am not very good on the computer, but here goes. Ben and I met Jim and Paula at the Methodist church 40 years ago. I am sure we were the only parents brave enough to take two sixteen year olds, a seventeen year old and an eighteen year old to New Orleans for four days and three nights. It was truly the trip of a lifetime and one we laughed about for many years. Thankfully we took many pictures. When I say we truly raised each others kids it is the truth. Kathy had a bad habit of walking around in her room in only a t-shirt and panties. One morning she forgot and walked outside. Jim saw her and shouted "Kathy get back in there and put some clothes on right now." Paula tried to sew some costumes for Amy to play Lady Macbeth in the school play. To say that it was pitiful would be a compliment,. I happened to have some green wool and a pattern and I dyed a sheer curtain red for her to wear in her hair. It was truly a masterpiece. Later she was singing in a group and needed some white go-go boots. She had had them for a long time and they were too tight to zip them up. Paula was not about to buy a new pair for her to wear only a few times. She kept insisting that if Amy squeezed hard enough they would work...well,of course that was futile. Amy called to see if could help her. She and the boots came to the house. I had her go to Wal Mart and buy the widest piece of elastic they had. Luckily it was wide enough for me so sew it on each boot and like magic"IT WORKED"

Jim was also responsible for Ben's articles in the Tribune. He thoroughly enjoyed doing that. I am in the process of going through them and organizing them as best I can. It might take me the rest of my life...but I am still trying. Somewhere up in the sky Jim and Ben are talking baseball. Over time friends come and go but friendships that have lasted as long as ours are rare.

*Love and miss you both
Linda Mikus*

linda mikus - March 01, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Raynes.*



February 28, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ *I worked for Jim at the Tribune from 1993 to 1997. He was great to work with and learn from. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to you, his family.*

*Shane Hall
Baltimore, MD*

Shane Hall - February 28, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Raynes.*



February 28, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ *Joe & Krystal Kohler & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jim Raynes.*



Joe & Krystal Kohler & Family - February 28, 2018 at 10:57 AM

KS

“ Dear Paula, Amy, Jennifer & family, Was so sorry to hear about Jim. Remembering what a good neighbor he was to my Dad & Mom for many years & the wonderful article he wrote about my Dad almost 31 years ago when my Dad passed away. He had a true gift of writing & was a giant among men! I'm borrowing this quote from him as it sums Jim too: *The World is a little sadder but far richer by the life he lived & the man he was!* Much love & Sympathy to you during this difficult & sad time, Karo & Wilson Stewart

Karo Stewart - February 28, 2018 at 04:06 AM

SC

“ Sharon Collins lit a candle in memory of Jim Raynes



Sharon Collins - February 27, 2018 at 06:29 PM

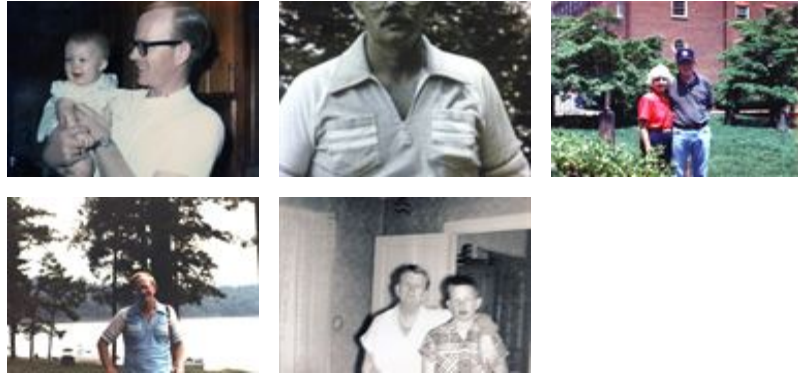
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“ I worked with Jim Raynes at the Terrell Tribune long ago. I enjoyed listening to the banter of the office. This was in the days of typewriters. Many of those who worked there will be together again. I took the neighborhood kids trick or treating to his house a couple of times. He always gave me candy, too. RIP Jim. Prayers for Paula, the girls, & the rest of his family & friends.

Sharon Collins - February 27, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - February 27, 2018 at 02:01 PM

BB

Jim has left an amazing legacy to cherish forever! Much love for you, Paula, & to your family, Betty (Ellington) Bassuk

Betty Bassuk - February 27, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Raynes.*



February 27, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jim Raynes.*



February 26, 2018 at 01:26 PM

FK

“ *Frank & Elaine Kasper sent a virtual gift in memory of Jim Raynes*



Frank & Elaine Kasper - February 25, 2018 at 08:46 PM

GM

“ *I learned more from this man on news and editorial writing during my Terrell Tribune days than I ever would have learned in school. I considered him a friend and a mentor. My heartfelt prayers go to the Raynes family during this difficult time. God bless you all.*



Gwen King Mallett - February 25, 2018 at 01:54 PM

EW

“ *Thank you so much for being a part of Bailey's life. He loves you both. You will be in my prayers.*

Elaine Wooldridge - February 25, 2018 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ *Remembering a wonderful trip to London and Paris. Jim in the Sherlock Holmes cap at Homes flat, and the WWII museum and celebration at Cafe Ruc near the Louvre. We'll all be together again one day.*

Suzy McCook - February 24, 2018 at 09:32 AM

DB

“ *Jim was such an outstanding writer, he had so much talent. His smile was infectious. He was a really good man and will be missed. Prayers for the family and especially for our grandson Andrew.*

Don Burnes - February 24, 2018 at 09:07 AM