



James Wright McNatt

James Wright McNatt, notorious for his infectious smile and huge heart, died Monday, September 14, 2009, at his home in Dickinson, Texas.

James, or Jimmy to his sister, Jan Kirks, and late parents James Carlos and June McNatt, grew up in Alvin, Texas. One of his favorite stories to tell about his hometown is about playing with and being struck out by Nolan Ryan when playing Little League baseball. In high school, Jimmy soared as a very talented basketball and tennis player.

After graduating from high school, James attended the University of Texas at Austin and later attended the University of Texas School of Dentistry. He made sure he was the best he could be concerning his job, and he was loved not only by his patients, but by his coworkers as well.

He became Father to his two daughters, Stacey and Jamie, after marrying his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Burks in 1967. He married Marilee Hurl in 1979 with whom he had three daughters, Jennifer, Cristy, and Karilee, and two stepsons, Alan and J.T.

“McNatt,” as his wife called him, lived to support and provide for his family and loved every minute he spent with them. His family was his favorite topic, especially when he sat hunched over in his dentist chair, gloves intact and tools in hand.

James also lived for Jesus Christ, and he adopted the words of Jesus in John 14:12 as his goal, which states, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.” James was an exceptional dentist, son, brother, husband, father, and friend because he believed these words and actively worked to become better in every aspect of his life.

He is survived by his wife, five daughters, two stepsons, multiple grandchildren, sister and extended family and wonderful friends, all of whom love and will miss him dearly.

Flowers and donations may be made to:

Abundant Life Christian Center

Dr. James McNatt Memorial Fund

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