



## James Matthew Carden Jr.

September 27, 1956 - May 11, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

James Matthew Carden, Jr. 1956 – 2025

With hearts full of love, we say goodbye to James Matthew Carden, Jr., who passed away at 68—though if he had it his way, he would still be here giving you a detailed analysis of exactly how unlikely that was, backed by three decades of economic data and a powerful testimony filled with miracles. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford (601 Commerce Pkwy., Oxford, MS 38655). A celebration of life will immediately follow at 4:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. Rev. Lauren Luckey will officiate. Interment will be at Magnolia Cemetery in Batesville, MS, at a later date.

James was a man of great intellect and even greater curiosity. A devoted lover of the Lord, he also loved music, literature, and the satisfaction of a well-crafted economic theory. An adventurous soul, he lived his life with both precision and poetry.

He could effortlessly quote Scripture, Shakespeare, and Ludwig Von Mises in the same breath and somehow make it sound like the most natural grouping in the world. His knowledge was vast, his humor dry, and his ability to make

even the most mundane topic fascinating was unmatched.

James was a family man through and through. He was a loving husband to his beloved wife, Linda Faye Hentz-Carden, a proud father to his daughters, Nicole Elise Carden and Monica Alexandra Crawford, and the biggest fan of his son-in-law, Holden Wesley Crawford, who he lovingly referred to as “Cowboy.” He was also a devoted brother to Robert Carden, who could always count on him to be there, and nephew to Gwyneth and Wayne Dalton – with whom he loved to discuss family history and of course, SEC sports.

James leaves behind a family who adored him, a bookshelf that groans under the weight of his intellectual pursuits, and a soundtrack of favorite songs that will continue to play in our hearts. Though he’s no longer here with us, his wit, wisdom, and warmth remain with us always.

In his honor, take a moment to read something challenging, listen to something beautiful, and never underestimate the value of time spent with one another.

Donations in honor of Mr. James Matthew Carden Jr., can be made to Red Door Jackson ([www.reddoorjackson.com/donate](http://www.reddoorjackson.com/donate)).

We miss you, Daddy. We love you more than meat loves salt!

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
(662) 234-3900  
info@colemanfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.colemanfuneralhome.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAY **24.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of James Matthew Carden Jr.



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 24, 2025 at 04:34 PM

MT

“ James was my best friend back in the mid-80s when he worked or Merrill Lynch, and I had the audacity to venture into the retail computer business. My first outlet was in The Landmark Center, downtown Jackson Ms. where I met James, and eventually my family became friends with his family. James was brave, courageous and didn't care for anyone particular knowing more than he did about anything. He knew more about engineering than I did and I was educated as an engineer...go figure. We lost touch in life, but not in the heart. I will always fondly reflect on time lunches, trips and lord above, getting beat by him handily in trivial pursuit. Michael T.

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**Michael T.** - February 25 at 05:42 PM



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 24, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Matthew Carden Jr..

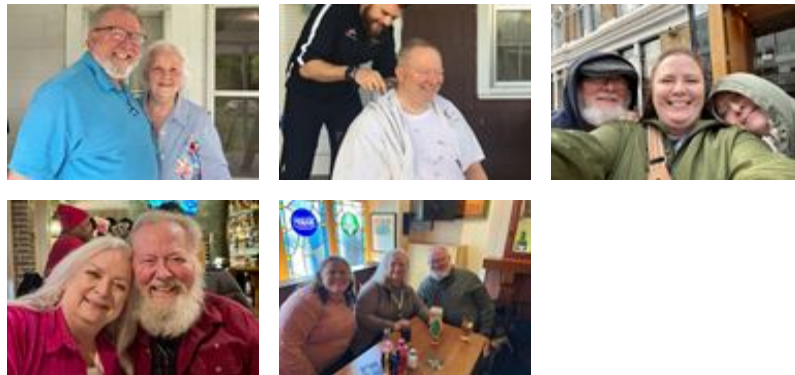


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May 23, 2025 at 02:34 PM



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 23, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of James Matthew Carden Jr..



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May 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ Uncle Hershel Chistian & Family purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Matthew Carden Jr..



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Uncle Hershel Chistian & Family - May 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM



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Coleman Funeral Home - May 22, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JB

“ I just learned of James' death. I send my condolences to the family, may God be with you. James and I worked with each other at SBDC and I enjoyed the time spent with him.

*James Bennett*

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James Bennett - May 20, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DK

“ It was in 1997 at st louis to meet first my lovely friend Linda and her 2 angels Nicole and Monica who classmates with my 2 kids in Parkway school district.

Over a coffee we met the king of carden family JAMES. It was evident how respectful feeling of international culture were noticeable and then it was friendship family forever...great human being..excellent you attitude...you touché hearts everywhere.

God bless the world with lovely human beings like Cardenas...more love..hugs and strength to all...Dr Mohina Kulkarni..Satish

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**Dr Mohina Satish kulkarni** - May 16, 2025 at 02:08 AM