



James Edgar "Jim" Crawford

October 21, 1936 - February 13, 2026

James Edgar "Jim" Crawford, passed away peacefully in the presence of his wife and sons on Friday February 13, 2026 in Corpus Christi, TX. Jim was born to parents James Edgar "Babe" and Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Crawford on October 21, 1936 in Center, Tx.

Jim spent his youth in Highlands, TX along with his sister Janet, where his parents owned Crawford Cleaners, a dry cleaning establishment. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, and went on to graduate in 1959 from The University of Texas in Austin with a degree in Pharmacology. Jim's quick wit and sense of humor put other people at ease and caused much eye rolling in the family. He was never without a quick comeback, and it is this ability which will be both remembered and missed the most, especially by his grandchildren who have all inherited this trait.

He married the love of his life, Claudette shortly after graduation. They moved to Pasadena, TX where they had three children and he became a partner in an Abel's Pharmacy. In 1969, Jim enrolled in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, LA and was ordained as a minister. He spent the next 15 years moving the family to different churches in Kentucky, Texas, and Iowa where their fourth child Beth was born.

In 1980, they moved back to Texas and he went back into pharmacy full time.

Jim retired in 2012. Never one to stand still however, he and Claudette bought a farm and became major contributors to The Fredericksburg Farmer's Market, growing beautiful vegetables and grass fed beef. Around this time he was also able to take up the study of his lifelong fascination with WWII, becoming quite knowledgeable on the subject.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Claudette (nee Taylor). Children and their spouses, son David (Rosemary), daughter Lori Anne Dierberger (Greg), son Darryl (Heather), and daughter Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Costin (Jake). Beloved grandchildren, Danny and Samantha, Darylyn and David, Sophie, and Taylor, Luke and Haylee. Precious great grandchildren Lincoln, Lylah, and Madilyn. Cherished sister Janet Taylor and niece and nephew Allison Wright and Truett Bryant.

Tribute Wall



“ So, I've obviously been thinking about this for three weeks. My dad did so many things that are memorable. But when I was just a year old(don't ask how I remember), my dad grabbed me from my chair at dinner, turned me upside down and started hitting me hard on the back. I remember wondering what I had done wrong. Evidently, I had choked on a piece of shrimp, and he instinctively knew how to dislodge it. This was 1964, way before anyone had learned how to help choking victims. He saved my life. That was the first time, but definitely not the last. Jim Crawford was the ultimate protector of his family. He taught me what a loving father was, so that all my life, I've know what a loving Heavenly Father is. Thanks Dad. You helped start my faith and you helped it grow so that I will never doubt the Love of God!

Lori Crawford Dierberger - March 07 at 07:34 PM

DD

“ I'll never forget the day Papaw and I were burning trash on the ranch. We'd loaded up the barrel, added a little diesel, and started walking back toward the shop. Suddenly, a massive BANG echoed behind us. I turned around to see Papaw on the ground, and for a second, I thought he'd been shot. I ran over, asking, "Are you okay?" He groaned, "I don't know... ow, that hurts!" Then I looked at his shirt. It was covered in bright green smears. A can of peas exploded from the barrel, launched across the yard and hit him square in the back. I started scarping it off. I went from terrified to laughing in a heartbeat. To this day, I still hate peas, but I will forever miss this man.

David Dierberger - February 27 at 10:09 PM

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Great memory, Bubba! We love you!

Claudette Crawford - March 01 at 07:44 PM

JB

“*Bro Jim was the pastor who shared about Jesus in such a way that led me to see my need for a Savior. It may have been his first Sunday at our little church in Geneva Ky where he preached that sermon. He later baptized me on the same day as he did his children and I always felt a part of the Crawford family. I will forever be thankful that God led them to our little church and back to our community many years later. The family has been and will remain in my prayers. Love you guys.*

Joyce Burdon - February 23 at 05:10 PM



It has always been my honor to have been baptized by my dad with my best friend in the world. Your family was our family and always will be. I love you!

Lori Crawford Dierberger - March 10 at 01:08 AM

DT

“*My strongest memories of Papaw will be the silly songs (It's Nighty Night Time), when he built us stilts, and getting water up his nose in the pool. I feel so fortunate we were able to see him last fall and that my girls got to spend time with him.*



Daryllyn Tachella - February 23 at 04:07 PM

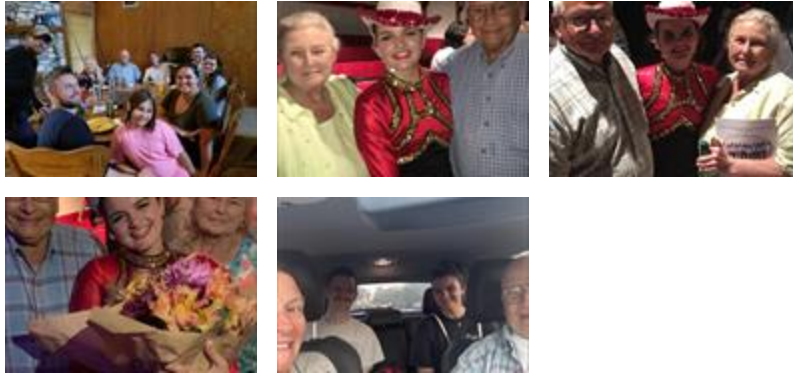
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I was so glad that we got to meet Lylah and Maddie!

Claudette Crawford - March 01 at 07:47 PM

HA

“ *My Papaw, the one who would always make me pancakes, build me a tire swing, take me for a ride on a bobcat or 4wheeler, and show me that daddy long legs really aren't that scary. I love you and will miss you dearly.*



Haylee - February 23 at 03:21 PM

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Thank you, Haylee!! ❤️

Claudette T Crawford - March 08 at 10:16 AM

EC

“ *Mr Crawford was a very nice , sweet and respectful man love him, gonna miss him. I was the only one that he trusted and let me help him shower him. No one else ; I'm glad that I was able to make him feel safe around me and I'm thankful for Mrs. Crawford for trusting me with him May he Rest In Paradise 🙏🙏🙏*

Esmeralda Cuellar - February 23 at 12:45 PM

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Thank you, Esmeralda! He loved you too!

Claudett Crawford - February 23 at 12:49 PM

GB

Sorry..loss for words at this time. Love ya Cuz..rest in Peace.

George 'Skip' Banks - February 23 at 12:53 PM

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Thank you, Skipper!

Claudette Crawford - February 23 at 03:12 PM

DC

“ *Greatest father, friend and 42 partner ever. You were the hardest working person that ever walked this earth. I will miss you and love you.* ”



Darryl Crawford - February 23 at 12:21 PM