



James T Valentine

October 7, 1947 - May 18, 2026

James T. Valentine, 78, of Jena, Florida, passed away on May 18, 2026. He was born on October 7, 1947, to the late James M. and Annie Mae Valentine in Jena, Florida, and remained a lifelong resident of Dixie County.

Mr. Valentine faithfully served the citizens of Dixie County as a County Commissioner for more than 25 years. In addition to his public service, he owned and operated a palm tree business from the time he was a teenager, dedicating much of his life to hard work and serving his community. He was a member of Jena Pentecostal Holiness Church. In his spare time, Mr. Valentine greatly enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchild and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy. Mr. Valentine will be remembered for his dedication to his community, strong work ethic, and deep love for his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Mr. Valentine is survived by his daughter Patty Arrington (Kevin), his brother Larry Valentine, his grandchild Ashley Wilkerson (Cody), his great-grandchildren Taytum, Bentley, Sarah, Bylee, and Ryder, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Valentine, his brothers Ronnie Valentine and Ray Valentine, and his sister Maxine Turner.

Funeral services for Mr. Valentine will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Jena Pentecostal Holiness Church, with Pastor Carolyn Oglesby

officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Jena. The family will receive friends at the Church one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

1039 SW 320th Ave
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jena Pentecostal Holiness Church
Jena, FL

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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