



## 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](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

1039 SW 320th Ave  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Jena Pentecostal Holiness Church  
5335 Co Rd 358  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359-5179  
(352) 498-3478

## Funeral Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jena Pentecostal Holiness Church  
Jena, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of James T Valentine



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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - May 28 at 08:38 AM

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“ James was a second father to me all of my life.  
If it had not been for him and Patricia I would not have known the voice and actions of true parental Love.  
They both treated me as their own.  
Their loss leaves an empty spot in my heart.  
I send all my love and prayers to Patty , Ashley and the family.  
The world has Truly lost one of the Best men I have ever known.  
Rest In Peace Daddy James

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**Carol Ann Poppell Graham** - June 07 at 03:01 PM

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“ CAROL ANN POPPELL GRAHAM lit a candle in memory of James Valentine



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**CAROL ANN POPPELL GRAHAM** - June 07 at 02:51 PM

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“ West Family — Derek, Amy & Nakia purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of James T Valentine.



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**West Family — Derek, Amy & Nakia** - May 25 at 10:08 AM



“ James was a friend for over 40 years. He was a good man who will be missed by all who knew him. Praying for God's Peace in the hearts of his family and friends 🙏🕊️💔

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**Lisa Amrell** - May 20 at 09:14 PM