



## Reverend James Steven McCartney

May 22, 1951 - August 5, 2025

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Reverend James Steven McCartney, who entered into eternal rest on August 5, 2025, at the age of 74. Born on May 22, 1951, in Columbia, Missouri, James was raised in the Snyder, Texas community. He was a beloved son, brother, and devoted servant of the Lord. James graduated from Snyder High School in 1969 before pursuing his education at Texas Tech University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1973. His spiritual journey led him to attain a Master's Degree in Divinity, culminating in his ordination as a priest on November 9, 1984. Throughout his dedicated ministry, he served with grace and compassion in various parishes within the Diocese of Lubbock, with St. John Neumann Catholic Church and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church being his final assignments. He retired from active ministry on June 30, 2023. James was known for his unwavering faith, his kindness, and his commitment to his parishioners. In retirement, he cherished the simple pleasures of life, enjoying time spent with family at the barn, tending to its many needs, and taking in the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets that West Texas offered. He is survived by his loving brother, Charles McCartney, and sister-in-law, Cindy McCartney, who, along with countless friends and members of the community, will miss his warmth and gentle spirit. A Rosary will be held in his honor on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will take place on August 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. In this time of mourning, we remember Reverend James McCartney

for his lifelong dedication to serving God and his community. His legacy of faith and love will continue to inspire all those whose lives he touched. May he rest in peace. James was preceded in death by: Jack McCartney, Winifred McCartney, Michael McCartney

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG **11**. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church  
5802 22nd Street  
Lubbock, TX 79407

## Mass

AUG **12**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
3111 Erskine Street  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend James Steven McCartney



Sanders Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 11:20 AM

CG

RIP Father thank you for teaching me to love God more. You were an awesome servant of God.

C. Gonzales - August 09, 2025 at 11:05 PM

TF

“ Dear Charles, I'm so sorry to learn of Jimmy's passing. I spent many good times in, was it the Deep Creek Pottery? That was sure a long time ago but I can easily recall Jimmy's ready smile and easy going manner. I miss those days I got to spend time with your mom and dad too. I wish you peace. Tim Flynn

Tim Flynn - August 13, 2025 at 10:24 PM

MO

“ Monica and Marquita Ortiz purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Reverend James Steven McCartney.



Monica and Marquita Ortiz - August 12, 2025 at 01:02 AM

TB

“ *Father Jim knew my family for about 30 year, during good and challenging times. He supported our family throughness and life cba ges and was always a reliable source of support. Praying that your family finds peace in knowing the work he did to help so many people.*



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**Todd Batson** - August 11, 2025 at 11:12 PM

DS

“ *Some priests have a reputation for long homilies. Fr. Jim gave the shortest homily I ever heard, so short I have it memorized.*



*Let me set the stage. It was during COVID, and Mass attendance was was greatly curtailed. There was a winter storm with a lot of snow on the ground and more falling. It took us nearly twice as long as normal to get to church that morning. In attendance were two Lectors, Cezar and Olivia; a one-man choir, Jose Luis; my wife; and me serving as Deacon.*

*After the readings, Fr. Jim stood up at the ambo and said, "Do good, and avoid evil."*

*Then he sat down.*

*There can be no question that he did everything in his power to keep his parishioners safe and healthy during the COVID epidemic.*

*May Almighty God bless this good man and welcome him home, and may He grant his family and friends strength and comfort in this time of sorrow.*

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**Dcn. Ed Sears** - August 10, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 11:08 AM

ST

“ Many thanks for your service to the Lord and also to our local parish in Lamesa. Thank you for being part of our community and for returning to visit with us several months ago while our current priest at the time (who's since passed away) was going through health issues. You will be greatly missed by the faithful of our parish and our diocese. Praying God will grant you eternal rest.

Steven - August 08, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MR

“ You will always be Jim to me. Your life touched mine in many ways both as a youth growing up and later in life as a friend and brother of my best school chum and best friend for life; Charles. May peace be with you and the joy of the reward of Heaven. Malcolm

Malcolm Rigsby - August 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM