



James Henderson Padgett

April 28, 1948 - May 10, 2020

James Henderson Padgett passed away, Sunday, May 10, 2020, at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. Mr. Padgett was 72.

He was born April 28, 1948, to the late J. C. and Hannah Henderson Padgett.

He lived in Cleveland, NC his entire life, graduated from West Rowan High School and Catawba College. He loved music and was a devoted and loved piano teacher and church organist for many years. He later became an active member of his church choir at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte where he had many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, W. J. and Margaret Padgett along with many aunts and uncles.

Jim is survived by many cousins and friends who loved him. A graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at the Cleveland Town Cemetery. A formal Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Choir School at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 115 West Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Padgett family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

HS

“ Jim was my first piano teacher and choir director when I was growing up. I spoke with him last at a wedding two years ago. He sat at the table I sat at during the reception. I saw him again last year when I visited Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. One of the tasks Jim had me try doing as a child was to turn pages on long pieces he played on the organ during the service. He would nod his head to indicate when to turn the pages. As I grew up, he took the girls' choir on several outings. He picked me up from school on Wednesdays for choir practice. Some of the hymns he taught us still run through my mind and whenever I hear them I think of him. I do recall him visiting our home for a small group of parishioners who gathered there. The reason was always music. I believe it was his greatest love to share what he knew with others.

Helene Staley - May 26, 2020 at 05:42 PM

JB

“ Jim was such a good person and fun-loving soul. He helped raise me back in the '70's as part of my extended family at St. Luke's. He was a weekly fixture in my life from choir practices, piano lessons, and serving as an acolyte. And he joined us for family celebrations as well. Jim was a great teacher of young people. He always taught us the importance of doing things the correct way - and to have fun while doing it. And he set that example himself. Anyone who heard Jim laugh - and everyone did - would never forget it. The choir in Heaven must be sounding better than ever - and laughing more than ever too.

John Bernhardt - May 13, 2020 at 01:27 PM

Carol
Smith

“ *Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of James Henderson Padgett*



Carol Smith - May 12, 2020 at 07:34 PM

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“ *Our love and prayers are with the Padgett Family . Jimmy was part of our family and we have wonderful memories of fun times we had together especially when J.C and Hannah were still living . Jimmy was an amazing pianist and organist and we are grateful that he shared his talent with so many people . I'm sure he is singing up in heaven now!*

*Love ,
Cindy Cashion Russell and family*

Cynthia Russell - May 12, 2020 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ *I light a candle for one of our class mate of the Class of 1966. May you find confort in knowing that others share you lost.....but let us all remember the good memories of our lost one.*



*Carolyn Steele Snipes
Class of '66*

Carolyn Steele Snipes - May 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JF

“ Jimmy was an amazing pianist and always had a smile on his face. He will be leading the big choir in Heaven. We will miss you Jim. And old classmate from West Rowan. Janis Cranford Ford



Janis Cranford Ford - May 11, 2020 at 07:13 PM