



# James Robert Closner

JUN 16, 1971 - JUL 14, 2022



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**W**eslaco: James "J.R." Robert Closner, 51, peacefully entered into rest at his home surrounded by his loving family and dear friends on Thursday, July 14, 2022, after battling cancer for nearly two years.

James was born on June 16, 1971, to Robert Closner and Sandra Marroquin in Harlingen, Texas. He grew up in Mercedes with three younger brothers. James was musically inclined and loved to sing and dance. He joined the band as early as possible and played the saxophone in the Mercedes High School Mighty Tiger Band.

He also learned to play the piano, tambourine and harmonica. James and his friends started their first amateur band while they were in college. He and his buddies played in numerous bands for the rest of his life, including Par 3, Non-Profit, and Mercy Town, to name a few. A perfect night for James started with a "gig" and ended with karaoke.

James met his soulmate and best friend Sonia Renee Garcia in 1991 while attending Pan American University and were married at St. Xavier Catholic Church in La Feria, Texas, in 1998. They resided in Mercedes for several years and later moved to Weslaco, where they lived and raised their two children, Cora and Jack.

At the age of 16, James began working at their family's business, Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction. He took great pride in his job and enjoyed working alongside his father and brothers. At an early age, his dad introduced James to golf, which became one of his lifelong passions. He played in high school and enjoyed a few rounds of golf with family and friends, but he especially enjoyed his love of golf with his son Jack.

James also enjoyed a good barbecue and was a great cook. He won several BBQ trophies at local cookoffs and volunteered to barbecue for numerous fundraisers over the years. James was generous with his time and volunteered with the Weslaco Little League for many years, serving in various capacities, from President to cleanup crew.



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James was "the life of the party." He could brighten up any room and had a huge heart full of love. He took great pride in his children. He was a hands-on dad; attending their sporting events and supporting them in any way brought him joy.

James was a loving husband, father, son, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. James is preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Eric Jay Garcia, paternal grandparents Jimmy and Cora Closner and maternal grandparents Ismael and Mela Marroquin.

James is survived by a seemingly endless list of family, loved ones and friends. He leaves behind his loving wife of 24 years, Sonia Renee; two children, daughter, Cora Isabella; son, Jack Ryan; his father, Robert Closner; his mother, Sandra Closner; brothers, Michael Closner, Robert Closner Jr. (Raquel), and Steven Closner, father and mother-in-law, J.J. and Yolanda Garcia; sisters-in-law, Monica Garcia (Adam); Jamie Bartlett (Brandon), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends from 3 pm to 9 pm on Wednesday, July 20th, and 10 am to 9 pm on Thursday, July 21st with a Celebration of Life on Thursday at 7 pm, at McCaleb Funeral Home in Weslaco. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 22, at 10 am at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Weslaco.



# Tribute Wall

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**Roman Nieto** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family of James Robert Closner.

July 23 at 1:09 PM



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**Fred Torres** posted:

Absolutely devastated to hear of James' passing. He was one of the kindest and most modest human beings I have ever met, yet he was so fun to be around. We were good friends in high school, and while we lost touch over the years, I would think about him and his family often. James had the ability to make you feel like you were the most important person in the world when you were with him. What a loss. My condolences to the Closners and Garcias, and all of the extended family, from Fred Torres and family. May God grant you peace and strength.

July 21 at 4:45 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Closner family.



July 21 at 10:08 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 21 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Closner family.



July 21 at 7:32 AM



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AH

**Ata & Gloria Hinojosa** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Closner family.



July 21 at 6:02 AM

FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

Ata & Gloria Hinojosa purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 21 at 6:02 AM

MC

**Mccaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery** posted:

McCaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery created a Webcast in memory of James Robert Closner

July 20 at 7:00 PM

AH

**Ata & Gloria Hinojosa** posted:

Ata & Gloria Hinojosa purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 20 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Closner family.



July 20 at 2:39 PM

FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 20 at 2:39 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Closner family.



July 20 at 5:16 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 20 at 5:16 AM



**McCaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery** posted:

McCaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert Closner

July 19 at 7:00 PM



**Joe Flores Jr. & Family** sent a White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Closner family.



July 19 at 6:51 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Joe Flores Jr. & Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 19 at 6:51 AM



**Mejia & Rose, Inc.** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Closner family.



July 19 at 6:47 AM



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July 18 at 7:00 PM

MI

**Mejia & Rose, Inc.** posted:

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July 18 at 7:00 PM

AF

**Albert D. Corker & Family** sent a Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Closner family.

July 18 at 10:55 AM



FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

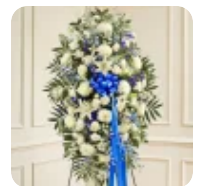
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July 18 at 10:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Closner family.

July 18 at 8:12 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Closner family.

July 18 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Red & White Sympathy Basket to the Closner family.

July 18 at 6:05 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Red & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 18 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Closner family.

July 18 at 5:45 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 18 at 5:45 AM



**Atanacio Hinojosa** posted:

J. R. was full of life--he enjoyed singing and I know for a fact that he will be signing the song "Mi Ranchito" to our Lord and all the Saints and Angels will be enjoying it. May you rest in peace my dear friend. Atanacio Hinojosa

July 18 at 5:23 AM



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July 17 at 7:08 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

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**Albert D. Corker & Family** posted:

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July 17 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Shades of Purple to the Closner family.



July 17 at 7:09 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

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July 16 at 5:14 PM



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July 16 at 5:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Closner family.



July 16 at 12:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Closner family.



July 16 at 11:55 AM




**Friends & Family** posted:

Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of James Robert Closner.

July 16 at 11:55 AM



**René & Velda Correa** lit a candle in honor of James.

Our sincerest condolences to Sonia and Sandra and family. May he Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory 

July 16 at 11:20 AM





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RC

**Ren & Velda Correa** posted:

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July 16 at 11:20 AM

RI

**Rey Infante** posted:

my most heart felt condolences to the Closser family may he rest in peace

July 16 at 6:19 AM

RI

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July 16 at 6:19 AM

MM

**Mary Martinez** posted:

J.R. was one of the humblest persons I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 May the Lord Bless you and keep you and your Family, Always

July 16 at 4:49 AM

GV


**Gilda Velasco** posted:

My heart goes out to you for the loss of your dear JR. I hope your happy memories will help you through this difficult time. Sorry I am unable to attend, but we (Cantua€™s in Dallas) will be saying a Rosary in Dallas on Friday in JRs name. Lifting him in prayer! Gilda and Ralph Velasco

July 16 at 3:42 AM

RC

**Ren & Velda Correa** posted:

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July 15 at 7:00 PM



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July 15 at 4:30 PM



**Chris Martinez** lit a candle in honor of James.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Alex & I send our love and continued prayers.



July 15 at 9:48 AM



**Fred Torres** July 21 at 4:45 PM

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July 14 at 7:00 PM



**Friends And Family** posted:

Friends and Family uploaded 2 to the gallery.

July 13 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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