



James Everett Mathis Jr.

September 13, 1956 - September 17, 2025

James Everett Mathis, Jr. (Slim/Rock) , 69, of Rising Fawn, Georgia, went home to the Lord September 17, 2025, after a brief stint with cancer.

Born September 13, 1956 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late James Mathis Sr. (Abb) and Gloria Mae Walraven Mathis. He attended Kirkman Technical School, class of 1975, where he studied carpentry. James worked many years in the Hamilton County Schools workshop. After its closure, he continued on in the maintenance department where he was affectionately known as “Rock”. A lover of Tennessee football, good food, four-wheeling, and time spent with family and friends. He also enjoyed taking his camper to the beach to fish and enjoy life. He will be remembered for his “mile-wide” smile and kind nature. Always available to lend a hand and help others. Faithful father, grandpa, sibling and friend.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Jeff Hill; granddaughter, Lily Hill of Rising Fawn, Georgia; his beloved partner, Cathy Horton of Wildwood, Georgia; former spouse, Deborah Mathis of Rising Fawn; brothers, Chris Mathis, Jeff (Karen) Mathis, and Douglas Nowlin; sister, Kathy Zerwer; many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Murphy.

Funeral services are scheduled at the Chapel of W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Saturday, September 27, 2025, 2 p.m. with Reverend James Barker officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, September 26, 2025

from 5-8 p.m. and also prior to the service on Saturday, September 27, 2025
from 12-2 p.m.

True growth begins when faith says, "Lord, I trust you, even here."

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs
Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

SEP 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of James passing. I worked with him for years at the school system. He was a great guy! He could lift my spirits & make me laugh, even on my cloudiest day. He was well liked! He loved his family & friends & was genuinely kind. I will miss his stories of growing up in the bottoms & all the funny characters he described. Katie, Jeff & Chris he mentioned y'all often & loved you dearly! James buddy go rest high on the mountain, your work on earth is done!
Your friend, Steven Clark.

Steven Clark - December 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to Jeff and Karen and All the family.

May God's Grace and Mercy be with you all in the coming days 🙏
Jim and Bertie Spradlin



Bertie Spradlin - September 21, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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“ If anyone has any stories, anything at all that they'd like to share, I'm sure Slim/Rock would be so happy. He was a great story teller and I have enjoyed getting to know everyone through him. ❤️✝️

Katie - September 21, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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Katie - September 20, 2025 at 04:04 PM