



# Mr. James D. Borrego

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**J**ames Borrego, 54, of La Porte, Texas, went to be with his Lord on July 17, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sandy, and his two children, Laura Borrego and Jacob Borrego. His parents Trine and Mike Borrego of South Houston; siblings, Michele Jung and husband Bruce from Pasadena, Cassandra Esqueda and husband Jose of Channelview, Michael Borrego from South Houston, and Jennifer Lanehart from Pflugerville; and multiple nieces and nephews.

A time of visitation with the family will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland, TX with a Memorial Service at 10:00 am on Friday, July 22, 2016 at First Baptist Church South Houston. The Rev. Robert Hughes will officiate the service with internment to follow at South Park Cemetery in Pearland, TX.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to First Baptist Church South Houston.

### The Testimony of James Borrego

James Desmond Borrego was born on March 19, 1962 Lubbock, Texas. He was the first child of Trine and Mike Borrego. The family moved from Lubbock to South Houston in 1971 where he attended South Houston High School. James played football and was a member of the NJROTC. He also joined the choir his senior year after meeting Sandy. After graduation in 1980, James enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, just as his father, Mike, had done previously. After completing boot camp in San Diego, CA, he married Sandy in Pasadena, TX in 1981. They lived in Millington, TN where James was stationed at the Millington Tennessee Naval Base, when their daughter, Laura Marie, was born November 2, 1981. James, Sandy and Laura moved to Oceanside, CA where James completed his four years of Marine Corps active duty at Camp Pendleton. James also served in the Marine Reserves.

The family returned to the Houston area in 1984 where James worked for Xerox. In 1986, James began working at Ellington Field as an Air Traffic Control Navigational electronic technician,



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which he studied during his time in the Marines—first with Midwest ATC, then with Dynamic Science Inc. in 1995. He worked at Ellington Field for 29 years until the time of his death.

James and Sandy joined First Baptist South Houston in 1984 where he served as an active member teaching youth and adult Sunday School. James worked with the youth and young adults programs, chaperoning trips and coaching a boys basketball team. James was ordained as a deacon in 1994. He spent much of his time ministering to others, and enjoyed visiting with people and making sure their needs were met. He officiated the funerals of many church members and friends, and comforted families during hospital stays and in other times of need. During Hurricane Katrina he had the church certified through the Red Cross to serve as a shelter to those arriving to Houston from New Orleans. Each Fall he helped coordinate Thanksgiving baskets for those in need in the community and for Pasadena ISD students. He especially enjoyed ministering to people through his love of barbecuing.

On June 5, 1995, James and Sandy's son, Jacob Daniel was born. James was involved in his children's activities, from being a swim stroke and turn judge and timer for Laura when she was on the swim team, to coaching Jacob's little league baseball team. He especially enjoyed traveling with his family. Many road trips were taken, be it Florida to go to Disney World or take Laura to Space Camp, or New Mexico to take Jacob skiing. Yet perhaps his favorite trips were simply going for a ride with his family.

James had a special calling for serving others and helping those in need. His love of God and his passion for ministry was his greatest joy. He was a very generous person who never met a stranger and was also willing to help anyone. He touched the lives of so many people in his family, his friends, co-workers and his church. He will be greatly missed by all of us.



# Events

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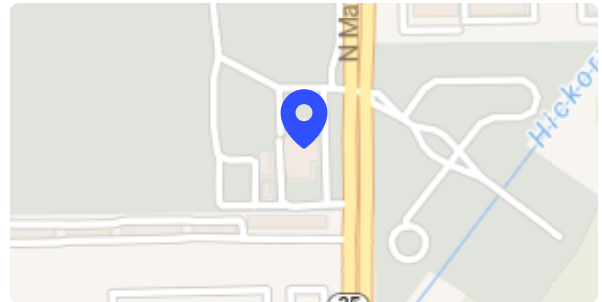
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, July 21, 2016


 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

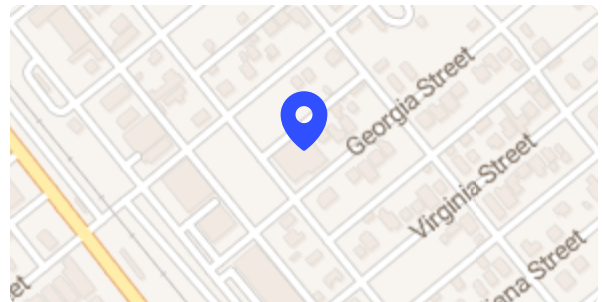


## Funeral Service


 **Friday**, July 22, 2016


 10:00 AM CT

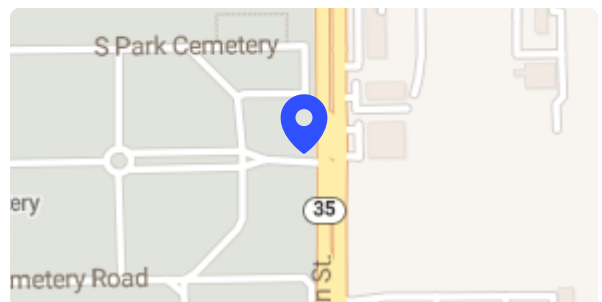
 **First Baptist Church**  
315 Georgia St., South Houston TX 77587



## Cemetery Details

 **South Park Cemetery**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

 **(281) 509-9228**





# Tribute Wall

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**South Park Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Video**.



July 27 at 9:15 AM



**Kristin Still** posted:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Rick Schneider Middle School, I would like to express our sympathy for your loss. Laura is a tremendous leader and beloved faculty member. We will continue to pray for you and your family throughout the year. Much love, Kristin Still, Rick Schneider Middle School Principal

August 9 at 2:39 AM



**Sherry Burns** posted:

So sorry. A great person we have lost. Coach James coached my son, Taylor Burns baseball team. He would stay after practice and coach Taylor in pitching one on one . He didn't have to, he just did. Our family would see James at the ball fields all the time. He was a kind man. May God shower you with love, comfort and peace. The Burns Family

July 26 at 5:30 PM



**Vigotes** lit a candle in honor of James.



July 22 at 1:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Borrego family.



July 21 at 10:55 AM



**The Tindall Family** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Borrego family.



July 21 at 10:36 AM



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**Theron Tindall** posted:

James Borrego and Allen Fowler are my best friends. We shared many good memories as part of the South Houston High ROTC drill team. We had victories and losses, good times and bad times, fun times and hard times. Our two favorite teachers were Chief Dinwiddie and Mr. White. Not too long ago, all three of us returned to South Houston High to present the school with a US flag that was flown in combat. We look forward to seeing James again in Heaven. Rest in peace my friend and brother.

July 21 at 10:04 AM



**Allen Grubbs** posted:

Sandy, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's comfort and peace be with you. Allen

July 21 at 8:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Borrego family.



July 21 at 7:30 AM



**Eva Gonzalez** lit a candle in honor of James.

James was my 1st nephew, he was always around when we needed him and came to all of our family functions like weddings, quinceañeras and such. He was at the hospital for each of our surgeries. He was an integral part of our family. He was loved and will be sorely missed, RIP James, may the lord shower you with blessings!!!



July 21 at 3:54 AM



**Esquivel And Stelly Family** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Borrego family.



July 21 at 1:09 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Amazing Arboricola to the Borrego family.

July 20 at 8:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Borrego family.

July 20 at 7:36 PM



**From The Dale Pena Family.** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Borrego family.

July 20 at 6:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Borrego family.

July 20 at 3:33 PM



**Alina Borrego** posted:

My cousin James inspired me to join the military. I wanted to be just like him. He made the world a nicer place with his presence. His laughter was sincere. His hugs were priceless. I will miss you always.

July 20 at 11:25 AM



**Debbie Cassity** lit a candle in honor of James.

Dearest Sandy... James is "Home Sweet Home". Grieving is a timeless process. Uplifting prayers of comfort, strength and healing for you and your family.

July 20 at 11:01 AM







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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Borrego family.



July 20 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Borrego family.



July 20 at 9:01 AM



**Traci Silverthorn** posted:

Mr. B I'll never forget you. You were a great mentor and friend since I was 11. Praying for your family. Rest in heaven.

July 20 at 9:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Borrego family.



July 20 at 8:21 AM



**Dana Nichols** posted:

To the entire Borrego Family, We are truly sorry for the loss of James. He was the very best Uncle to Mia Destiny and someone she could always rely on. His positive influence will certainly have an impact on her life. Mia has some wonderful memories of her uncle and they all involve his generous smile and playful demeanor. She misses him dearly and although she is also grieving, Mia made a point to say this: "I miss him and I'm sad he's no longer here with us but I'm happy for him because I know where he is at." With our deepest condolences, Dana, Jeff, Jalyssa, Mikayla, Mia and Donovan

July 20 at 7:09 AM



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**Annette Benitez** posted:

To Sandy, Laura and Jacob, I want to offer my sincere condolences. James has been a part of our family for many years as a cousin. We have a lot of fond memories of him and how he was always there for us during a time of need throughout the years for our family. He was a great servant of God in all he did in the church ministry for adults and the youth of the church. He always had a big smile and was always friendly and ready to greet people with a hug. James will be truly missed by us all. Thinking of you all and wishing you moments of peace and comfort. Love Annette Benitez and family.

July 20 at 5:45 AM



**Pam, Lara, Alex, Katie, Sarah And Patricia** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Borrego family.



July 20 at 5:33 AM



**Debra Schwartz** posted:

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. George and Debra Schwartz

July 20 at 1:45 AM



**Sheila Thomas** lit a candle in honor of James.

Condolences to the Borrego family. Sheila Edmiston Thomas



July 19 at 6:16 PM

**AM** **Ann Musselman** July 20 at 4:35 PM

I will always remember and be grateful for all the extra help James contributed to Deepwater Jr. High choir dept. he was very special and I will forever be grateful for his help while I was having health issues.



**Anonymous** sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Borrego family.



July 19 at 2:27 PM



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**Jeanette Cliett** posted:

Sandy, Laura & Jacob just want to let you know my thoughts & prayers are with you today & in the coming weeks. James will be missed, he always had a smile on his face. James was a man who truly loved the Lord with all his heart, I have many fond memories of working with James at FBC South Houston. Love, Jeanette :)

July 19 at 5:07 AM



**Bill Harrison** posted:

I have such fond memories of James from our ROTC days @ South Houston HS. He was gregarious, full of life and someone you could count on to always be himself. I offer prayers for the repose of his soul, and his family's peace.-Bill Harrison

July 18 at 1:27 PM



## Media

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

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



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