



## Jim Brydone

August 10, 1937 - January 14, 2023

Jim Brydon of Harlingen, TX was called home by the Lord surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, January 14, 2023. He was born August 10, 1937 to Joseph and Ethel Brydone in Milverton Ontario, Canada. His parents have preceded him in death.

Jim's family were dairy farmers and contributors of fresh milk to the Borden Milk Co. in Toronto. He then moved to Las Vegas where he learned to fly airplanes for a short time and traveled back to Vancouver, BC where he played his fiddle to raise enough money to move to Anchorage, Alaska in 1974.

Jim worked in the Alaskan pipeline before he became a general contractor building houses and apartments. Then he established Pile Co. Inc. in Anchorage, AK in 1982 until he retired in 2019.

Jim was a member of AmVETS, Moose Lodge, Eagles and lifetime member of the VFW in Anchorage, AK.

Jim and his wife, Yolanda, moved permanently to Harlingen, TX in 2020. He played the fiddle for fun and enjoyment with locals at Paradise Park in Harlingen. He was a member of the Amigas Lions Club and Elks Lodge of Harlingen, TX.

Jim and his wife of 12 years, Yolanda Alexander shared her daughter, Jacquelynn Moon and two wonderful grandchildren Marina and Joey whom Jim loved and adored.

Jim's family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Todd Shenkenberg for

his unconditional care and support. And also our sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff at Valley Baptist Medical Center 4th floor and Solara Hospital in Harlingen.

Jim is survived by his wife, Yolanda Alexander Brydone and her daughter, Jacquelynn Moon and 2 grandchildren, Marina and Joey. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Anne Patterson, Eleanor Hagarty (Robert), Meredith Brydone; Yolanda's brothers and sisters, Mary Alexander (Dale), Gracie A. Villalobos (Robert), Joe Alexander (Rose), Robert Alexander, Mary Alice A. Leal (Ramiro) and extended family members and friends.

Memorial visitation will be held Friday, January 20, 2023 at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Celebration of Life service at 6:00 PM.

Live streaming will be available at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please honor Jim by donating to the American Cancer Society or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
rgfhtx@aol.com  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *My prayers and condolences are with you Yolanda and family. I always enjoyed visiting with the two of you in the pool in years past. I'm very sorry for your loss and may God comfort you in the days and weeks to come*

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**Jan Jewel** - January 20, 2023 at 07:59 PM

YB

*Jan, thank you for kind words and comfort you so kindly express. Those pool days were lots of fun for us!*

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**Yolanda Brydone** - February 10, 2023 at 01:05 AM

DC

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I have such special memories of Cousin Jim as we grew up on our farms. His kind and thoughtful manner was always so evident. Also enjoyed the fun times at family gatherings as he would entertain us all with his violin selections while his mom would often accompanying on the piano. Cherish all those happy and memorable times. They help you all to get through your time of grief.*  
*God Bless*  
*Cousin Dave*

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**Dave Chalmers** - January 20, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JR

*Absolutely Dave, wonderful memories of many great events on all of our farms. RIP JB*  
*John Charles Roe*

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**John Charles Roe** - January 20, 2023 at 06:12 PM

YB

*Dave,  
Jim always would share with me lots of stories of that time in the farm  
and family gatherings! He truly enjoyed playing his violin.  
Thank you,  
Yoli Brydone*

Yolanda Brydone - February 10, 2023 at 01:11 AM

MS

*“ Dearest Yolanda, you and Jim were family to my daughter and i and  
to the Longhorn Family.. his smile will continue to be with us  
everyday and of course mostly when a Jameson martini is  
ordered..we miss you tremendously Jim... We will keep Yolanda  
smiling from our side and you take care of her from yours.. RIP*

Michele Sanchez - January 19, 2023 at 10:31 PM

YB

*Michele, thank you for being Jim favorite bartender...lol  
I know he would love to make a toast to life from heaven...*

Yolanda Brydone - February 10, 2023 at 01:14 AM



*“ Oh Jim, you just rushed ahead of us into the Kingdom of God. What  
an honor to get to be in God's presence. Thank you Sir for being  
such an amazing friend. We may have not been around each other  
all the time, but when we were it was a blast. I am very grateful for  
you and Yolanda's friendship. You certainly do leave a void in our  
hearts. We will see you one day. For now, rejoice in the Lord the  
way He commands us to do with no pain and no awful cancer. Love  
you dearly my friend. We will watch over your beautiful family.*

Janey Pizaña - January 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

YB

*Janey*

*Thank you for your kind words and thoughtful condolences. Jim was always happy after we were able to get together. He looked forward to more when possible. He was so ready to meet the Lord to help him ease his pain. I miss him daily.*

*Yoli*

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**Yolanda Brydone** - January 20, 2023 at 12:30 AM

ML

“ *Special thoughts are with you and your family as you mourn the passing of a loving husband and brother. I have fond memories of Cousin Jim playing his violin, which he did so well, at family gatherings. His was a generous nature. For example, When we stopped to see him on our Alaskan cruise Jim took us to dinner at his favourite restaurant..I was indeed sorry that he endured so much suffering during his illness. Thankfully that is now over for Jim and he is at peace. He will be missed. My love and sincere sympathy.*

*Cousin Mary*

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**Mary Leatham** - January 18, 2023 at 03:10 PM

YB

*Mary,*

*Thank you for your condolences. Jim and I enjoyed the time you came to Anchorage. He was still a very generous and happy man with a beautiful heart that I was able to see daily. I was so blessed to call him my husband.*

*Yoli*

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**Yolanda Brydone** - January 20, 2023 at 12:26 AM

TW

“ Yolanda I grieve for you. Jim was such a gentleman and so funny in a dry way. He always had a twinkle in his eye. It was a pleasure to help with his business matters, but even more of a pleasure just to bask in his cheerful presence. You and he were great together, obviously a team. You made his life worth living and it was obvious that he loved you with all his heart. May God bless and comfort you and your entire family during this difficult time.

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**Tonja Woelber** - January 18, 2023 at 12:24 PM

YB

Tonya,  
He still had his sense of humor till the end. Thank you for your condolences, I was so blessed to have him.

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**Yolanda Brydone** - January 20, 2023 at 12:21 AM

DD

“ Dear Yolanda, we are extending our sincere condolences to you and your family in the loss of your dear husband, Jim. Jim always had a smile on his face and was kind to everyone. May you draw near to the Lord for comfort.

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**Diane and Shwaun Dizayee** - January 18, 2023 at 12:03 PM

YB

Diane and Shwaun,  
Thank you for reaching out to me and for your condolences.

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**Yolanda Brydone** - January 20, 2023 at 12:19 AM

BT

“ I know I can never hope to understand how you feel but please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Your husband was an amazing man who brought so much sunshine into the lives of your family. He has left you so many wonderful and supportive memories. I wish I had more opportunities to have known him.

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**Brenda Trevino** - January 18, 2023 at 10:14 AM

YB

*Brenda and Danny  
Thank you for the condolences.*

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**Yolanda Brydone** - January 20, 2023 at 12:17 AM