

Jaimi (JP) was born in late June of 1956 to Carroll and Martha Maxwell. His childhood was much what one would expect from growing up in that time. The principles of hard work, accountability, responsibility and a true moral compass were instilled in him during his time growing up with his four brothers Craig, Curtis, Kelly, and Chad. After raising hell for 18 years, he graduated Carthage High School in 1974 and began building his career as a thoroughbred jockey in the spring of 1976 by riding his first race on a horse named Vennetta H. It was during the early stages of his career in 1977 that he met and married Nancy Anderson. In 1978 they had their first son Brian and in 1981, Nancy gave birth to Brandon. With his career progressing in full swing, JP earned leading rider honors at Centennial Park in Colorado where on Sep 1st 1980 he set a track record riding 5 horses to victory in a single day. Being the leading rider at a meet was something that JP became accustomed to as he also garnered leading rider honors multiple times at both Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

During his career as a thoroughbred on top of morning workout routines, he rode 7,916 races; placing first 1,234 times, second 1,059 times, third 1,004 times. This led to career earnings of \$3,937,482. An average of \$497 for every horse he rode lighting up the board on 41.6% of all starts. As his time progressed he needed something else to master. He began riding Quarter Horses. Trading craftsmanship and experience with a fellow rider whom he taught to ride thoroughbreds, he started a total of 455 races, with 60 wins, 58 second, 43 third. This includes two graded stakes wins on King Khalid, a horse he often spoke of as the best he had ever ridden.

The life of a Jockey takes a toll on the body. In 1994 he decided to retire from horse racing and began his own business. His upbringing in Carthage and years on the track had already instilled the work ethic and motivation required to make this venture successful. JP started Finish Line Trim Works, the name a way to mold his first successful career with his second. JP trimmed out countless homes in the Weatherford, Fort Worth and West Texas areas. Though he was no longer riding horses, if the sun was shining he could always be found riding his Harley with long time best friend Mike Jett and other respected friends and family.

In late November, 2016 JP was diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma, a form of cancer that can occur in several parts of the body. Upon diagnosis it was revealed that the condition was advanced; it originated in the pancreas and had already metastasized to other areas of the body including the lungs, liver and esophagus. JP was given a short time to live and elected to forego chemotherapy and complete his run down the homestretch at home surrounded by his loving family and friends. He completed his race with peace and dignity at 2 am Feb 1, 2016. He is survived by sons Brian and Brandon Maxwell, and his grandson Bryce and many loving friends that will carry his spirit forward.

A Celebration of Life

JP Maxwell

June 29, 1956 - February 1, 2016

Memorial Service

Saturday, February 6, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Country Cowboy Church
Azle, Texas
Pastor Mike Edmonson

