



James Caraway Bazor III

November 26, 1956 - March 22, 2014

Funeral services for James Bazor III, 57, of Giddings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim, Texas with Rev. Herb Keistman officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Jim passed away the morning of Saturday, March 22, 2014 at his home in Giddings. James Caraway Bazor III was born on November 26, 1956 in Laurel, Mississippi. He graduated from Central High School in Jackson, Mississippi in 1974. After high school, he elected to go into construction and worked as a structural iron worker sometimes working as high as 300 feet off the ground. During his performance as an iron worker, Jim had a tragic accident resulting in him being paralyzed from the waist down. While in a rehab unit, he encouraged all the kids, and others that had suffered tragic accidents, and helped them to focus on what kind of future they could make for themselves in spite of their handicaps. Jim decided to further his education and enrolled at Hinds Junior College in Mississippi. It was there that he was elected student body president with the campaign slogan of "Roll with Jim". He was an excellent wheelchair basketball player and organized a league in Mississippi. He founded the Mississippi Handicap Association. Later, Jim became the co-operator of a freight company that transferred freight nationally from coast-to-coast. Jim enjoyed leather working and was a history

buff who had a wonderful memory and could remember many things. He was an active member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim where he had served as an elder, youth counselor, Sunday school teacher, member of the audit team and served on the board of education. It was at Ebenezer Lutheran Church that Jim was confirmed on November 25, 2001. His confirmation verse was Romans 5:3-5, "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us".

Jim's faith was based on his belief that it was God's hand that kept him alive when he had his accident years ago and that He also never left him. It brings his family and friends great consolation knowing that now he is standing with God and playing basketball, tennis and all the other activities that he enjoyed. Jim was preceded in death by his grandparents; his brother, Allen Cole and his three uncles, Bill Malone, Dan Devine and Clifton Malone. He is survived by his parents, Yvonne Cole of Giddings and James Bazor, Jr. of Montgomery, Alabama; his two sisters, Lori Bazor of Giddings and Fran Hasty of Austin; his nieces and nephews, Michael McCoy & his wife, Shauna of Giddings, Amanda Waguespack & her husband, Gene of Bastrop, Justin Hasty & his wife, Tabitha of Oklahoma and Joshua Hasty & his wife, Robin of Louisiana, as well as several relatives, his church family and many friends.

Jim is also survived by many loving caregivers who took wonderful care of him for many years and who he considered family. They will be serving as honorary pallbearers and include Frieda Siegmund, Juan Bran, Shirley Canada, Manuela "Liz" Deleon, Ronda Fields, Lee Moyer, Anna Scott, Fredna Slayton, Rubye "Ramona" Moyer, Amy Roedl and John Thero. Memorials may be made Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim or to Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *James Caraway Bazor III*

Lori And Mary Bazor - March 29, 2014 at 10:38 AM

MB

“ *James Caraway Bazor III*

Ms. Martha V. Bazor - March 28, 2014 at 07:43 PM

RB

“ *James Caraway Bazor III*

Richard Bazor - March 28, 2014 at 07:02 PM

RF

“ *James Caraway Bazor III*

Ronda Fields - March 24, 2014 at 02:29 PM