



James Louis Buchanan

July 31, 1945 - January 4, 2011

James Louis Buchanan was born July 31, 1945 and was the son of Ernest & Matilda (Kropp) Buchanan. He was born and raised in Thorndale and lived there most of his life. He and Alice Joyce Stolle were married June 5, 1965 at Richland Church near Rices Crossing. James worked construction work for several years then went to work at ALCOA for 15 years. He then started watermelon farming. He was know as the "Watermelon Man". He enjoyed his children and grandchildren, deer hunting, fishing, the Dallas Cowboys, gardening, cooking, canning and his dogs. He was well known for his Salsa. James passed away on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple. He reached the age of 65 years, 5 months and 3 days. He is preceded in death by his parents. Brother, Doyle Buchanan. 3 Sisters, Laverne Beard, Gloria Peacock and Hazel Raesz. Surviving is his wife, Alice Stolle Buchanan of Thorndale. Sons, Roland Buchanan & wife Dana of Portland, TX. and Jerome Buchanan & wife Randa of Thorndale. Daughters, Carrie Kiesling & husband Kevin of Thorndale, Rhonda Stromsness & husband Scot of Hutto, Jenna Menzel & husband Kevin of Arlington. Sister, Marjorie Baggett of Gatesville. 15 Grandchildren, Jacob Kiesling, Chase Kiesling, Ashton Kiesling, Cole Buchanan, Ty Buchanan, Brady Buchanan, Kylie Buchanan, Rainey Buchanan, Tristyn Buchanan, Tyler Stromsness, Molly Stromsness, Kaleb Menzel, Jared Menzel, Nathan Menzel, Madelin Menzel. Services will be Friday 3:00 PM, January 7th at the First Baptist Church in Thorndale with Rev. Jeremy Sheppard officiating. Burial will follow

in the Pleasant Retreat Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Pallbearers are, Kevin Kiesling, Scot Stromsness, Kevin Menzel, Edward Weise, Bobby Lincoln & Randy Schramm. Memorial to First Baptist Church Local Mission of Evangelism and Out Reach, PO Box 217, Thorndale, Texas 76577

Tribute Wall

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“ *James Louis Buchanan*

Terry Snyder - January 09, 2011 at 04:34 PM

LJ

“ *James Louis Buchanan*

Leann Jones - January 07, 2011 at 03:11 PM

MS

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Mary Anne Stalvey - January 07, 2011 at 09:58 AM

JL

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Janet (Lange) Leschber - January 06, 2011 at 10:47 PM

DP

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CG

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Cynthia & George Galbreath - January 06, 2011 at 10:12 AM

VB

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Virginia Brown - January 06, 2011 at 08:09 AM

TY

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Tommy and Pam Young - January 05, 2011 at 09:50 PM

KE

“ *James Louis Buchanan*

Kimberly Elmshaeuser - January 05, 2011 at 07:52 PM

CC

“ *James Louis Buchanan*

Cassandra Cistone - January 05, 2011 at 07:41 PM