



## James Franklin Hill

September 29, 1940 - June 27, 2025

A memorial service for James Hill, 84, of Giddings, Texas, will be held Saturday, 2:00 pm, July 19, 2025, at the Cowboy Church of Lee County with Pastor Kenny Smith officiating.

James Franklin Hill was born on September 29, 1940, to Alonzo Hill and Mary Elizabeth (Vickery) Hill in Jasper, Alabama. James served honorably in the United States Army with the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper. He married the love of his life Dovie Corena (Hammock) on January 27, 1962, to this union they were blessed with seven children. James graduated from Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. James worked as a teacher for a while before being called to serve the lord as an ordained minister in 1969. James was the Pastor of Friendly Old Baptist Church in Arkansas for many years before moving to Texas. He then went to work as a barber since 1961, opening his own shop in Giddings, Texas, called Jim's Cross Town Barber Shop. James enjoyed many hobbies over the years including woodworking, painting, and gardening. He enjoyed writing and even published two books over the years. He was a talented musician playing the guitar and singing. James was an animal lover, he kept bees, trained horses and raised cattle. Any chance he got, he enjoyed studying his bible and witnessing for the lord. Above all, James loved taking care of his family.

James passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Baylor Scott and White in

College Station surrounded by family.

He is preceded in death by his wife Dovie Hill; parents, Alonzo and Mary Hill; five siblings, Tot Mitchell, Alonzo Hill Jr., Jean Campbell, Elizabeth Cissel, and Wanita Bean.

James is survived by his seven children, Jimmy D. Hill of Maybank, Toni Nance of Giddings, Barclay & Pam Hill of Victoria, Andrew & Linda Hill of Jonesboro, AR, Corbitt & Amber Hill of Giddings, Regan & Kimberly Hill of Giddings, and Kerry & David Devenport of Giddings; fourteen grandchildren, Nichole and husband Roger (Bubba) Byrd, Caleb Nance, Ladonna Nance, and Gloria Nance and fiancé River Shepard, Elizabeth Hill, Courtney Winterhill and husband Adam, Crystal Hill, Joshua Hill and wife Arazeli, Paul Hill and wife Megan, Meri and husband Robert Batkins, Renae and husband Ryan Thac, Mary and husband Christopher Kanevsky, Austin Busby, and Jamie Carmichael; twenty-seven great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousin and extended family.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements made by Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cowboy Church of Lee County  
2645 County Road 117  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Franklin Hill.*



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July 17, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss 🙏. Robert & Diane Schmidt*



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**Diane Schmidt** - July 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*

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**Judy Kepley** - July 07, 2025 at 02:34 PM