



## James "Jim" Muir Duffield

March 3, 1940 - May 1, 2023

Memorial services for James "Jim" Duffield, 83 of Bastrop, Texas, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating.

James Muir Duffield was born on March 3, 1940 in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of Mark Brownson Duffield and Josephine Walter Duffield. He received his Degree in Business Administration Miami University in Ohio in 1962 and worked on a Master's Program at Western Michigan University from 1976-1977. Jim joined the United States Air Force on October 22, 1962 and received his Honorable Discharge on May 15, 1965 having obtained the rank of First Lieutenant. He then transferred to the United States Air Force Reserves where he served as an Academy Liaison Officer and was ultimately promoted to the rank of Major. He earned his private pilot's license in 1962. Always proud of his country and a huge patriot, Jim flew an American flag at every home he lived. Jim worked as an internal auditor in municipal government for many years and retired as an internal auditor from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services in Austin. Throughout the years, he was involved in the Big Brothers of America, the Rotary Club, the Reserve Officers Association, and served on the first Mid-Michigan Air Show Planning Committee.

Jim was a huge fan of Texas and always said he wished he had been born

here but got here as soon as he could. He had a lifelong love of horses and loved living out in the country. He was always asking questions and wanted to know why things were the way they were.

Jim passed away the morning of Monday, May 1, 2023 after a brief stay at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Josephine Duffield; his stepmother, Elizabeth Duffield; his wife, Sharon Duffield; brother, Guy Duffield and his wife, Nancy; step brother, Robert Peter Vliet; step sister, Polly Learned, and a brother-in-law, Charles Whitelaw.

Jim is survived by his children, Leslie Jo Hurwitz and her husband, David, Bethany Daniel and her husband, Alan, Wade Gonsoulin of Germany, Bryan Gonsoulin and his wife, Jennifer of The Woodlands, and Leslie Organ and her husband, Michael "Mickey" Jr. of Thorndale; nine grandchildren, Savannah Gonsoulin of Ohio, Sydney Willett of San Antonio, Danielle Willett of Galveston, Trey Organ of Taylor, Kristen Willett of San Antonio, Audry Organ of Taylor, Katelynn Ashmore of The Woodlands, Connor Ashmore of The Woodlands, and Isabelle Ashmore of The Woodlands, and his sister, Anne Whitelaw (Charles) of Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Joyful Horse Project at Restoration Ranch of Bastrop, 172A Hills Prairie Road, Bastrop, Texas 78602 or the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



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