



James Henry Kelinske Jr.

February 24, 1951 - June 1, 2014

James was born on February 24, 1951 in Waco, the son of James Henry Kelinske, Sr. and Dorothy Ferrell Kelinske. He was a member of St Mark Lutheran Church & attended grade school there. James, known to his family as “Jamie” attended University Junior High and High School, where he graduated in 1969, then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served until 1973. Jamie worked as a machinist in Waco where he and his first wife raised their family. Since 1980, Jamie spent a lot of his summers in Lexington on the family property which had been purchased by the Drews family in 1872. Jamie moved a house onto the property in 1995 and moved to Lexington permanently in 1999. Jamie married Sylvia Belcher DeClue on April 4, 2004. Jamie worked for the Giddings State School as a Juvenile Corrections Officer until he retired as a disabled American Veteran. Most people knew Jamie as a strong, silent man who enjoyed barbecuing, beer and cigarettes. He loved being in Lexington and was a unique, kind, gentle person who liked everyone! Animals and small children loved him instantly, even his four longhorns! In December of 2013, Jamie was diagnosed with lung cancer. He worked with the VA doctors in Temple for his chemo treatments as he searched for a cure. He passed away the morning of Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Bastrop, Texas. Jamie is predeceased by his father, James H. Kelinske, Sr. and his brother, Marshall Kelinske. Jamie is survived by his wife, Sylvia DeClue Kelinske of Lexington; his mother, Dorothy (Ferrell) Kelinske of Waco; his brother, Larry Kelinske & wife, Molly of Lorena; his son, Joseph Kelinske of

Austin; his daughter, Sarah Kelinske of Temple; Sylvia's daughters & their husbands, Kerri DeClue & Rev. Dr. Philip J. Schielke of Austin and Terri DeClue & John C. Szalkowski of Houston; "Pa Pa" James" is also, survived by nine grandchildren, Trudi Gatteys of St. Louis, Alexis and Katherine Maschek of Killeen, Jacob, Benjamin and Esther Schielke of Austin, Matthew, Michael, and Mason Szalkowski of Houston as well as several nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts & uncles. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at St. James Lutheran Church located at 320 North Rockdale Street in Lexington, Texas with Rev. Leif Hasskarl officiating. A private family committal service will follow. The family requests no flowers and asks that memorial contributions be made to St. James Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 247, Lexington, Texas 78947-0247.

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

David & Pauline Ott - June 07, 2014 at 01:41 AM

JT

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

John & Mary Ann Treviso - June 05, 2014 at 06:55 PM

LR

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Larry and Janice Rinewalt - June 05, 2014 at 01:46 PM

MH

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Miriam Hayes - June 04, 2014 at 12:22 PM

KS

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Karen Koester Schulz - June 04, 2014 at 11:17 AM

RK

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Raymond & Glenda Kroll - June 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM

DP

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Diane Petrofsky - June 03, 2014 at 09:40 PM

CJ

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Charles & Susan Janek - June 03, 2014 at 08:10 PM

JK

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

james & sandra kroll - June 03, 2014 at 04:43 PM

SC

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Sue Clendennen - June 03, 2014 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ *James Henry Kelinske Jr.*

Janice Schneider - June 01, 2014 at 02:19 PM