

James H. Marsh III


September 30, 1930 - April 26, 2014

James H Marsh, III, 83, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at St. Joseph's Regional Health Center in Caldwell, Texas. He was born September 30, 1930 in Beaumont, Texas, the son of James H. Marsh, Jr., and Lurline Hughey Marsh. He is preceded in death by his parents, an infant son James Noel Marsh, and a sister Marilyn Marsh Andrezejewski. Jim grew up in Orange, Texas and graduated from Stark High School in 1947. While a teenager, he was active in Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was also active in DeMolay, attaining a State office. Upon completion of his high school education, he attended Texas A&M College for one year, and then became a member of the United States Air Force for three years. Later, he attended Lamar University in Beaumont where he received an Associate's Degree. He married Lou-Ida Simmons on August 27, 1955, at the First Methodist Church in Orange, Texas, and one week later they moved to Caldwell, Texas where they have remained ever since. Jim loved Caldwell and began teaching at Texas A&M in 1958 and taught there until his retirement in 1992. During his time at A&M, he received his full professorship in 1969. At that time, he initiated the Construction Science curriculum and became the first Head of the Construction Science department. The student enrollment in this department has grown from 16 students to over 900 today. Recently, he was awarded National recognition for his work in construction education. He was named an outstanding Alumnus at Texas A&M College of Architecture in 1998, and


remained a lifelong Fightin' Texas Aggie. Jim received both his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from Texas A&M, and his Professional Engineering License from the State of Texas. In addition to his teaching, he did private construction practicing and consulting in the Burleson County region as well as across Texas, and in other states as well. His heart, however, was always in Caldwell and of his many homes, buildings, and churches in Caldwell, he was most proud of the Chapel at the Masonic Cemetery and the Bell Tower of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Jim was formerly a member of the Lion's Club, the City Council, and served as Advisor to the Boy Scouts at the First Methodist Church for many years. He loved his church, First United Methodist, and recalled with fondness the building of the original tennis courts there years ago. Additionally, he sang in the choir, served on the Board of Trustees, and taught the Builders' Sunday School Class there for over 35 years. Jim loved to work with his hands – he made furniture, clocks, knives, did checkering on guns, made fishing lures, fishing rods, fishing cases, a spiral staircase in his home, wooden World War I airplanes, duck decoys, and scores of custom boxes of all sizes, as well as hand loading shells for guns. Fishing and hunting ranked high on his list of favorite things and he treasured the many fishing and hunting trips he made with his friends. Jim is survived by his wife, Lou-Ida, of Caldwell, daughter Melissa Marsh and partner Col. (retired) Kelly Timmons of San Antonio, and daughter Mollie Marsh of Caldwell, as well as several cousins, and a sister-in-law Frances Simmons of Austin. Extended “family” members, former students, friends, and neighbors will always remember this special man. Visitation will be at Phillip & Luckey Funeral Home on Monday, April 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The funeral services will be at the First United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 April 2014, with burial to follow in the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are Leslie Feigenbaum, Dr. Ron Dusek, Adrian “Buddy” Carlson, Clayton Myers, Dr. Mark Gordon, Johnny Price, Glen Williams, and “Nat” Wrotenberry. Honorary pallbearers are A.W. Brewer, Dr. Kia Parsi, Don Austin, Carroll Claycamp, Dr. Joe Smith, Kirk

Chapman, Billy Ayers, John Rinhard, Jack Orsak, Eddie Sullivan, Lawrence Maze, Jack Emsoff, and Members of the Builders' Sunday School Class. Memorials may be made to the Aggieland Humane Society, the First Methodist Church of Caldwell, or to the Burleson St. Joseph Hospital Building Fund. "And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8


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