

James Edgar Plumlee

August 27, 1931 - November 27, 2017

Funeral services for James Plumlee, 86, of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Minister Ricky Spacek officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

James E. Plumlee was born on August 27, 1931 in the small West Texas farming community of Avoca, Texas, to Raymond F. and Myrtle (Knuckles) Plumlee. He was a member of the Avoca Baptist Church and was baptized in the local river. Jim grew up helping his father with repairs on bull dozers and became proficient in overhauling cars and motorcycles. During high school, he traveled to Kansas with some friends including his high school principal to work on the wheat harvest. He graduated from high school with seven other classmates at the age of 16 and attended McMurray College in Abilene.

After working in a local oilfield construction business, Jim was employed as a roustabout with Humble Oil and Refining. He met Patricia Vaden in February of 1952 and they were married 4 months later. Just a few months later, Jim was drafted into the US Army. He was in the Artillery, Fire Direction Center

and Rifle Team at Camp Carson, Colorado. Jim later trained troops for Korea at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. After he was discharged, Jim and Pat moved back to Stamford, Texas to work in the electrical department and as a pumper and roustabout with Exxon Oil & Gas. During this time, Jim became a member of the Masonic Lodge #853 of Stamford, Texas.

After ten years of marriage, they were blessed with a chosen baby boy, James Kirk who was quickly followed just seven months later by twin brothers, Mike and Mark. In the middle of this wonderful mess of three little boys, diapers and sleepless nights, Jim was transferred to Lafayette, Louisiana and promoted to Production Technician. He ran the first computerized drilling rig which controlled bit weight and drilling speed. Jim was instrumental in developing a method to produce a leak proof joint on tubular goods at the Lab in Pierce Junction for Exxon. He traveled extensively with his computer to the steel mills across the U.S. as an instructor.

Jim was again transferred to the Tyler, Texas District and began training as a field superintendent. He worked in the gas fields in Hawkins, Texas and became a Senior Field Superintendent of the New London field near Kilgore, Texas. After a 30 year career with Exxon, Jim had the opportunity to work for an old West Texas friend, Max Williams, owner of U.S. Operating in Giddings, Texas. He came into the Austin Chalk Boom as a field superintendent and he and Pat lived in the U.S. Operating trailer camp east of Giddings. Then in 1982, Jim, his brother Robert and lifelong friend, Murrel Hall embarked into the hot oil business together. Jim's sons Mike, Mark and Kirk soon followed as hot oil truck operators. Through 35 years as a small business owner, Jim was very proud of the lifelong employee and vendor relationships and that Texas Hot Oilers is still run by a majority of the family. He left U.S. Operating to also work at Texas Hot Oilers and retired to enjoy traveling, hunting and fishing. He was very active in teaching all of his grandchildren about the outdoors. Jim loved drinking coffee early every morning, working a crossword puzzle and

watching his beloved hummingbirds.

Jim passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017 at his residence in Giddings.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Pat; three sons, Kirk and his wife Charlotte, Mike and his wife Lynane, and Mark and his wife Nancy; grandchildren, Rob Rudolph, Blake Rudolph, Brandon Plumlee and wife Priscilla, Justin Plumlee and wife Amanda, Jennifer and her husband Taylor Creek, Logan and husband Keith Spacek, Corbin Plumlee, and Rush Plumlee; great grandchildren, Bristol Plumlee, Riley Plumlee, Cutter Creek, Cannon Creek, Tess Spacek, Cora Plumlee and Baby Plumlee; sister, Dicey Brown of Abilene and several nieces and nephews including Stan Brown, Larry Plumlee, Dennis Hickam and Karen Hickam, and many close and loving friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Rob Rudolph, Blake Rudolph, Brandon Plumlee, Justin Plumlee, Keith Spacek, Taylor Creek, Rush Plumlee and Corbin Plumlee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 North Jefferson Street, La Grange, Texas 78945 or to a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edgar Plumlee*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 29, 2017 at 05:22 PM

MC

“ *Lynanne and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Plumlee. He had a beautiful life and was blessed to have his family around him. Who could ask for more. You are in our prayers.*

Monique

Monique Close - November 29, 2017 at 07:34 PM

DN

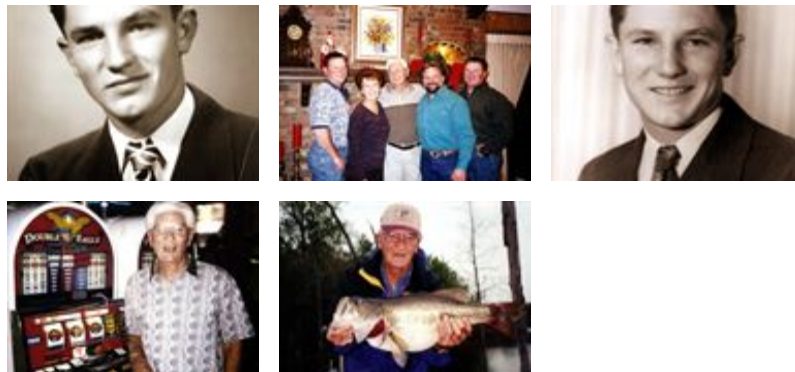
“ *Dan and Roxanne Nowell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



Dan and Roxanne Nowell - November 29, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 29, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DU

Awesome family! Love y'all

David Umphres - November 30, 2017 at 03:56 PM

SP

“ *Sam & Wanda Paradowski purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



Sam & Wanda Paradowski - November 29, 2017 at 03:35 PM

MS

“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of James Edgar Plumlee*



Michelle M Schuetz - November 29, 2017 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Mandy Gott & Kristi Gray (McKeever) purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



Mandy Gott & Kristi Gray (McKeever) - November 29, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



November 28, 2017 at 11:11 PM

HM

“ *Our condolences for the family, our prayers are with you.*



Heather Mersiovsky - November 28, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ *What a wonderful life. I remember when they moved into the neighborhood all those years ago. Such a sweet couple. You could tell they were such good friends as well as husband and wife. They loved their family! I know you all will miss him very much. Please know we are sending up special thoughts and prayers for you all.*

Carolyn Jatzlau - November 28, 2017 at 10:25 PM

DU

“ I was a hot truck operator alongside Kirk, Mike and Mark at Texas Hot Oilers. Pat and Jim ran things at the office trailer off 290. It was my pleasure to sit and have coffee with that entire family. The hunting and fishing story's they shared with myself and the other operators made you feel the deep love they had for one another. I've been friends with this family since the mid 80s. It's been my pleasure to have known Jim and Pat Plumlee. Their sons have been like brothers to me. It's been an honor to have the entire Plumlee family as friends. God bless them all and give them peace.

David Umphres - November 28, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.



November 28, 2017 at 09:53 PM



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November 28, 2017 at 09:29 PM

WF

“ *With much love from your Paradise Bay friends. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



With much love from your Paradise Bay friends. - November 28, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edgar Plumlee.*



November 28, 2017 at 10:16 AM