



## James A. Chandler

July 18, 1922 - April 3, 2013

James Avan “JA” Chandler James Avan “JA” Chandler passed away on March 29, 2013 in The Woodlands, Texas. He was born on July 18, 1922 in Center Community outside Lovelady, Texas, to Elijah Hodge and Nora Harrelson Chandler. JA graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1942 from Sam Houston State Teachers College, and received a Master of Arts in Agriculture Education in 1948. JA worked in many industries, but was an avid educator in each role. Early in his career, he served as a vocational agriculture teacher for public schools in Alba, Aldine, Buffalo, and Mexia, with a brief stint in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Later, he worked as a university professor of Agriculture, advocate and trainer for the Texas Rice Industry, Dean of College of Applied Arts and Sciences at SHSU, and Assistant to Vice President for Academic Affairs at SHSU. Happy Jack, as he was known to his colleagues, worked at Sam Houston State University beginning in 1942 and ending when he retired in 1982. JA was an active member of the Huntsville Church of Christ where he faithfully attended, served on numerous committees, worked as an elder for 13 years, and helped to establish the Church of Christ Bible Chair, now known as Kats for Christ. JA has been an active public servant through involvement and leadership in Texas Forestry, Kiwanis Club, Walker County Fair, Boy Scouts of America, and Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. JA has received numerous awards and recognitions. His most prized accomplishment is the SHSU Alumni Association Service Award received in 2000 from Sam Houston State

University. JA and Ruth established an endowment scholarship at SHSU, and JA helped to establish an endowment of nearly half a million dollars through his work with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He helped establish SHSU's chapter of Delta Tau Alpha, the National Agriculture Honor Society. JA is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Karl D. Chandler, and his wife of 64 years Ruth King Chandler. JA is survived by his children: Judy Cole of Madisonville, James King and Joey Chandler of Huntsville; grandchildren: Jeff and Jane-Ann Fleming, Jacob and Lucrecia Chandler, and Cody Chandler; great-grandchildren: Chandler Fleming, Sarah Catherine Fleming, and Aidan Chandler. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 2, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Services will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. John Spencer will preside over the services. Interment will follow in the Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. Memorial donations may be made to: JA and Ruth Chandler Endowment Scholarship, University Advancement, Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2537. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Chandler as I knew of him rip God's blessings*

maurice edwards - February 03, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *James A. Chandler*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just learned of Jack's passing but wanted to write a note to the family to say how much I appreciated him. I don't get that way often but a few years back I stopped by and visited with him and Ruth. They came by Yosemite years earlier and spent a little time with me there.*

*I was just one of the many students he inspired. He was a fine man and I am honored to have known him and called him my friend.*

Robert Johnson - August 10, 2013 at 01:55 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss. My deceased husband, Bob Wiley, thought the world of him. He respected highly as a teacher at SHSU and as a man. He always talked very highly of him.*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - April 07, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ *King, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I pray that the good Lord will replace the sadness and sense of loss in your heart with the joy of knowing that he is now looking down on us from Heaven.*

Larry Monzingo - April 04, 2013 at 07:04 PM

CW

“ My condolences to the J A Chandler Family:  
Dr. Chandler as I respectfully remember him was one of my favorite Professors AT SHSU (SHSTC when I enrolled). He was a mentor, advisor, and friend to many of his students during his tenure in education.  
We will miss him and remember him for his many contributions to education.  
Colvin Walker

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**Colvin Walker** - April 02, 2013 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ King & Judy-You Dad was ALWAYS so nice.Every time I saw him we had such a nice little visit.  
I will miss him ,too.

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**Mark Chalker** - April 02, 2013 at 07:17 PM

BP

“ Judy and King, J.A. was a kind gentle servant of the Lord. I will always remember him as a man of God and a trusted friend. you were blessed with fine Godly parents. We love and miss all of the Chandler family. May God bless you in your time of sorrow. All our Love Bob and Rosemary Payne.

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**Bob & Rosemary Payne** - April 01, 2013 at 10:57 PM

AC

“ Judy, Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Ann Colwell** - April 01, 2013 at 09:47 PM

EP

“ King, Joey and family, JA was a friend, supporter and insperation to do what ever it was to the best of your ability. We've been in Georgetown for 14 years so I only saw him on occasions at the University. I'll say a prayer for you all.

*Gene Poldrack*

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**Eugene M. Poldrack** - April 01, 2013 at 09:01 PM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathies to Judy, King, and the whole Chandler family. He was a great man and we were blessed to have known him.

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**Jon and Janna Green** - April 01, 2013 at 06:44 PM

TS

“ Praying for peace for your entire family. Brother Chandler was a fine gentleman. He will be sorely missed.

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**Terrell Smith** - April 01, 2013 at 04:32 PM

SH

“ King, Joey, and family was sorry to hear that your Dad had passed away. He was an example to us all. He will be missed. May God be with you during this difficult time.

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**Sharon Hoke** - April 01, 2013 at 01:55 PM

JW

“ I was sorry to read about your dad's passing. How fortunate you were to have had him for so many years. I know he will be greatly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Julie Woods** - April 01, 2013 at 10:55 AM

RD

“ *King, Joey and the Chandler Family. Our condolences on the loss of J. A. He was a great gentleman, friend and mentor. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Robert & Ruverna Dunning - April 01, 2013 at 09:34 AM

BN

“ *Joey and King, sorry to read of Dr. Chandler passing away. Your family will be remembered in my prayers.*

Beverly Niederhofer - March 31, 2013 at 08:41 PM

JM

“ *Judy, King and all of the family. We are sad to learn of J.A.'s death. He and Ruth were neighbors when we moved to Huntsville in 1969. Joyce worked with Ruth at Gibbs Elementary and I had the privilege to work with J.A. at Sam. We remember many good visits with them and had a great respect for their contributions to the field of education and the Huntsville community. We rejoice with you for the life they lived and in the knowledge they are together this Easter.*

Joyce and Jimmy Merchant - March 31, 2013 at 05:51 PM

BL

“ *King and Joey,  
We are all saddened by J.A.'s passing and our condolences go out to you. While you have lost a beloved family member, I have lost a mentor and friend and Sam Houston State and the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences has lost an icon. We will all miss him greatly.*

Bobby Lane - March 31, 2013 at 04:34 PM

NJ

“ *King, Joey, and family. So sorry about my good friend, Dr. J. A.!!!  
Thanks for the memories! Love you all, Norma Dell and Jerry*

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**Norma Dell Jones** - March 30, 2013 at 03:14 PM

KH

“ *My condolences to the whole Chandler family. J.A. was a very fine  
man and he was well-respected by all.*

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**Kaye Henry** - March 30, 2013 at 02:15 PM