



## James Elwin Farris

December 12, 1926 - December 3, 2015

James Elwin Farris was born on December 12, 1926 in the West Sandy Community of Walker County. He went to be with the Lord Thursday, December 3, 2015. His parents were Lee Elwin Farris and Eva Mae Roberts Farris.

All of his life was spent in the Huntsville Area. He attended the Huntsville Public Schools and graduated high school in May 1944. Upon high school graduation, James attended Sam Houston State College where he graduated with a degree in Vocational Agriculture. After graduation, he was employed by Huntsville Public Schools to teach agriculture. When he attended Sam Houston State, James met the the love of his life, Norma Caldwell, and married her on May 25, 1947. James continued his education and received a Master's Degree in Ag Education in August 1960.

In the mid-1960s, James had the opportunity to join the First National Bank of Huntsville, Texas, as a Vice President and Loan Officer. In a short period of time, James was elected to the board of directors and served there until his retirement in the Fall of 1980. At this point, James and Norma opened their real estate sales office in Huntsville. They operated this business until 2005. In the Spring of 2005, James and Norma retired from real estate sales and have spent the remainder of their time in the ranching business.

James served as a member of the Fellowship of Huntsville Church and has served in this church for the last 15 years.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jim Farris and grandson, Josh Farris. He is survived by his wife Norma of 68 years, daughter Marla Atkinson and husband Herb Atkinson, daughter-in-law Cindy Farris, granddaughter Elizabeth (Beth) Ryan and husband Zack Ryan, granddaughter Mindy Jensen-Tanner and husband Adam Jensen-Tanner, all of Roswell, New Mexico; grandson James Robert (Jim Bob) Farris and wife Sarah; great grandchildren Belle and Kate Ryan, Eli, Faith and Rowan Jensen-Tanner, Keegan and Jackson Farris. He is also survived by his sisters, Lucille Benthall of Huntsville and husband Fred L. Benthall; Eva Jean Callaham and husband David L. Callaham of Madisonville; and Winnie Sandel and husband Joe B. Sandel of Huntsville and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Saturday, December 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The service will be held at Fellowship of Huntsville at 2:00 pm, Sunday, December 6, 2015. The burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Evergreen, Texas.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com). The family request that any memorials be made to Fellowship of Huntsville Church at PO Box 1200, Huntsville, Texas 77342 or the Good Shepherd Mission, PO Box 7281, Huntsville, Texas 77342-7281.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship of Huntsville  
-  
Huntsville, TX -

## Interment following service

DEC 6 (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery - Evergreen  
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Evergreen, TX --

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Elwin Farris*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - December 05, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *James Elwin Farris*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beverly J. Irby lit a candle in memory of James Elwin Farris*



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**Beverly J. Irby** - December 06, 2015 at 10:05 AM

BI

“ Since I moved to the area around 1986, I have know this wonderful family (Farris, Caldwell, Sandel). James and Norma have been a true light in the community. James will be missed in this physical realm. May God grant you all peace knowing that James is truly a soul that shines brightly in eternity and that you and we will be surrounded by that light with fond memories until we meet again!!!  
Sincerely, Beverly J. Irby

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**Beverly J. Irby** - December 06, 2015 at 10:05 AM

BM

“ James was one of our favorite people always wonderfully friendly and ready to talk and have friends. He was one of the best men we have ever known. We loved him and honor him in every way. He will be missed, love and blessings to the family from our families, Betsy Flack, Milligan, Maloney and Mike Maloney

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**Betsy Maloney** - December 05, 2015 at 09:41 PM

CB

“ James Farris was a fine man and good friend to many, including my parents. My condolences to Marla, Herbert, and the family during this difficult time. May God's peace comfort you always.  
Regards, Cheryl Townley Bell.

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**Cheryl Bell** - December 05, 2015 at 11:14 AM

VE

“ VERONICA E. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Elwin Farris.



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**VERONICA E.** - December 05, 2015 at 10:11 AM

VE

“ VERONICA ELLIOTT lit a candle in memory of James Elwin Farris



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**VERONICA ELLIOTT** - December 05, 2015 at 09:01 AM

MC

“ Praying for Healing of the Heart!. From our Family to Yours. God Bless

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**Mike and Margo Chandler** - December 04, 2015 at 09:57 PM

WH

“ I know your hearts are broken & bleeding, but we are sure you know that the miracle of his healing was speedy & complete when he walked through the Gates of Heaven!!! My heart hurts with yours & I will continue praying!!! Love in Christ's Name, Willie Head

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**Willie Head** - December 04, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Elwin Farris.*



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December 04, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Platt and Joyce McLaughlin  
Cheryl*

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**Cheryl McLaughlin Washington** - December 04, 2015 at 06:19 PM



“ *Mr. Farris has known my family for more than 30 years and he's always been highly respected by all of us. He always had a genuine smile and a kind word. I'm truly sorry for the loss of his presence, particularly for Mrs. Farris, but there is comfort when thinking of the pure joy that is filling him now.*

*Lora Pace*

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**Lora Pace** - December 04, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Elwin Farris.*



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December 04, 2015 at 10:23 AM

PS

“ *Mrs. Farris and Family:  
Sue and I are so sorry for your loss. You are  
in our thoughts and prayers.  
Pat and Sue Sprott*



Pat Sprott - December 04, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers  
are with you during this difficult time.*



Jeannine Jacoby - December 04, 2015 at 06:42 AM

WS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Farris family. Mr.  
Farris was definitely one of the good guys.*

*Wendy Skains-McLeod*



Wendy Skains-McLeod - December 03, 2015 at 08:32 PM

DP

“ *Donna Robinson Paschall lit a candle in  
memory of James Elwin Farris*



Donna Robinson Paschall - December 03, 2015 at 07:20 PM

DP

*May God give you rest, comfort and peace during this sad time. You are in my prayers. Donna Robinson Paschall*

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**Donna Robinson Paschall** - December 03, 2015 at 07:22 PM

EP

*James was a friend for all the years Glenda and I lived in Huntsville. James always had a warm smile and a firm hand shake. He and Norma sold several houses for me. May God bless you and keep your family in this time.*

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**Eugene M. Poldrack** - December 03, 2015 at 07:35 PM

MW

*Norma & Family:*

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of James. He was such a wonderful man. I don't remember ever seeing him without a smile on his face. He always had kind words to say and loved to talk about his children and grandchildren. I am so thankful for the time that you and I worked together at Huntsville Savings. I was able to know your precious family even better. You two were such good Christian examples for Huntsville. Both of you walked the walk and talked the talk. James will be greatly missed in our community. I just prayed for you and your family. You are in my thoughts. I love you and your family dear friend. Let me know if I can ever help you.*

*Mellicent (Sikes) Wiley  
& Family  
Huntsville, TX*

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**Mellicent (Sikes) Wiley** - December 04, 2015 at 06:39 AM

JP

*Norma, was saddened to hear about your husband. We have missed our friends from Huntsville since moving. We counted you two as some of the nicest! You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jerry and Billie Peterson*

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**Jerry Peterson** - December 04, 2015 at 12:19 PM