



James Anderson Hanna, Jr.

September 24, 1936 - January 11, 2023

James Anderson Hanna, Jr. was born September 24, 1936 to James and Beulah Fails Hanna. He was greeted in the open arms of our Savior on January 11, 2023. His ancestors settled in Huntsville, Texas in the 1830's. He cherished the Lord. James was the oldest living continuous member of Cook Springs Baptist Church. He volunteered as Youth Director and he taught Sunday School classes. He loved to relate everyday experiences to bible scripture and stories every opportunity he had.

James wore many hats; with the longest one being a lifelong rancher. He taught in Aldine School District for 17 years and was head of their math department. While also working as a cowboy for Mr. Doyle McAdams. Then he was a rural postal carrier in Walker County for 20 years. He also was a Sargent in the National Guard. Along with being a Tank Commander he was most proud of being a Preliminary Rifle Instructor.

All of those who knew James knew he was an avid hunter. He took pride in being able to "put meat on the table". He also loved the simplistic beauty of nature, including the wildflowers, the animals and the birds. He commented several times how he loved God's creations wild and domestic. His favorite time of the day was sunrise, when the world would come alive with light and love.

James was an avid gardener. He said he and his wife simply planted the seeds, but "the Lord grew the bounty". They were so blessed they were able to feed their family and friends. And still had an abundance so they headed to the original Walker County Farmers Market. There he made many new friends and renewed many more old friendships.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James Alexander and Beulah Fails Hanna and his beloved grandmother "Granny" Catherine Fails.

He is survived by Gina his wife; Jim and Tina Hanna, son and daughter-in-law; Terri and Steve Colley, daughter and son-in-law; Jonathan Hanna, grandson; Nathan and Natalee Hanna, grandson and wife, Tyler and Tanna Hanna, grandson and wife, Jason and Kriston Colley, grandson and wife, Derek Colley and Laura Barrow grandson and fiancé, along with seven great grandchildren. James is also survived by five step-children, Anthony Chortanoff, Christian Chortanoff, Nicholas Chortanoff, Stephen Chortanoff and Justin Chortanoff and eight step- grandchildren.

The family also wishes to express their appreciation and love to the entire staff at 1st Choice Hospice. A special thank you to his nurses for their compassionate care for our loved one.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make donations in James' name to Cook Springs Baptist Church, 1936 TX-75, Huntsville, Texas 77320 or the charity of your choice.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10:00am, with services beginning at 11:00am, at Cook Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville, TX. Interment will follow a lunch reception at the church. He will be laid to rest at Petree Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Petree Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cook Springs Baptist Church
Hwy 75 North
Huntsville, TX 77320

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cook Springs Baptist Church
Hwy 75 North
Huntsville, TX 77320

Graveside Service

JAN 17. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM.

Petree Cemetery

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Thomas & Jennie Hayman lit a candle in memory of James Anderson Hanna, Jr.



Thomas & Jennie Hayman - January 17, 2023 at 09:23 AM

BP

“ Jim, Tina and Tyler; I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my love, hugs and prayers. God hold your hands as you walk through this sad time. Love all y'all. 🙏❤️💙💙



Beverly Pegoda - January 14, 2023 at 02:04 PM

JJ

“ Terri, I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. You are in my prayers.

Jeannine Jacoby - January 14, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr Hanna's passing. He was our mail carrier here for many years and a joy to know. Both of us were from Huntsville so we both knew a lot of the same families and friends. Sending prayers to his family.
Jamie & Don Brinegar



Jamie Brinegar - January 13, 2023 at 05:44 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of James Anderson Hanna, Jr.*



M. Hyvl - January 13, 2023 at 05:05 PM

EC

“ *It says so much about your daddy , to be valiant in the work that he has been chosen to do on earth.*

Today with the things beyond the veil , he will continue his work. Most likely he will be embracing his mama and daddy and those that were most precious in his Life.

We do have the promise that we can see our loved ones again 🕊️

Rest in peace Mr Hanna. 🕊️
Our deepest condolences
Earl and Sherry Carter



Earl Carter - January 13, 2023 at 04:59 PM

MF

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss.*



Mellicent Wiley & family - January 13, 2023 at 03:22 PM

TR

God bless , sounds like Mr Hanna was a very special man. So sorry for your loss Mrs Gina Hanna, may the Lord be with you always...

Tamy Robinson - November 16, 2025 at 10:01 AM