



James William Martin

February 19, 1941 - January 20, 2017

JAMES WILLIAM MARTIN

James William Martin, 75, went home to be with the Lord on January 20, 2017. He was born on February 19, 1941 at home in Franklin, Texas and moved to Hearne, Texas in 1943. While he was growing up, James survived two terrifying accidents. As a child, he fell out of a moving car, knocking him unconscious for several minutes. As a carefree teenager, he fell six stories off of the Brazos River Bridge. He was in a coma for 8 days at the Hearne Searcy-Fleming Hospital. Even with these accidents, he was active in school, playing football, and graduating from Hearne High School in 1959. He attended Sam Houston State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness in 1962. He loved the town and people of Huntsville so much that he made his home in Huntsville when he graduated. James worked for over 30 years as an Allstate Insurance agent, taking care of his customers' insurance needs. Many people will fondly remember him working in his corner Allstate Insurance booth in the old Sears and Roebuck location. For many years he was an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) Lodge #1981, serving several terms as treasurer. James was fun loving and definitely had the gift of gab. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

James is preceded in death by his father, J. B. Martin and his mother, Jimmie

Stroud Martin Richardson. He is survived by daughter Becky Spelce and husband Don; son Ed Sheffield and wife Deborah; daughter Shana Cross and husband Bill; daughter Sheila Gaskins and husband Gene; sister Becky Stewart and husband Bubba; sister Sue Martin; sister Connie Miller and husband Net; grandson Kenneth Montgomery; grandson James Gaskins and wife Megan; granddaughter Gwen Sheffield; grandson Brian Gaskins and wife Crystal; two great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and very special friends Paul and Pat Jackson, and Manford Jones.

The family would like to thank Dr. Khan, St. Joseph Hospice, The Lexington Center and God's Giving Foundation Caregivers for the great care and compassion given to him during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 9:00-11:00 am at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of his life will follow at 11:00 am in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with Paul Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at Norwood Cemetery in Hearne, Texas at 2:00 pm. Pallbearers are Kenneth Montgomery, James Gaskins, Brian Gaskins, Ed Sheffield, Gene Gaskins and Net Miller. Honorary pall bearers are Hearne High School Class of 1959.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Norwood Cemetery - Hearne
Hearne, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Martin*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - January 26, 2017 at 09:15 AM



What a wonderful video....Thank You for sharing Mr Martin with all of us for all those years!! Hugs & much love... ;) ❤️

Jamie Sue Brinegar - January 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *James William Martin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jamie Sue Brinegar sent a virtual gift in memory of James William Martin*



Jamie Sue Brinegar - January 30, 2017 at 09:38 AM

AG

“ Angie & Gary Goines purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of James William Martin.



Angie & Gary Goines - January 25, 2017 at 02:55 PM

CN

“ Connie Sue, Sandra Lea, Rhonda Kay & Margie Nan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James William Martin.



Connie Sue, Sandra Lea, Rhonda Kay & Margie Nan -
January 25, 2017 at 12:57 PM

SC

“ Shana Cross lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



Shana Cross - January 25, 2017 at 11:23 AM

Vicki Easley

“ Vicki Easley lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



Vicki Easley - January 25, 2017 at 01:31 AM

TC

“ Prayers are with each of you during this time.



Tony & Bridgette (Neeley) Clay - January 24, 2017 at 10:29 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



David McKee - January 24, 2017 at 09:18 PM

RL

“ Ricia Law lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



Ricia Law - January 23, 2017 at 07:13 PM

RT

“ Becky, so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. I have a lot of good memories of your Dad.

Riley and Raye Tilley - January 22, 2017 at 09:20 PM


Kenneth
Montgome

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Kenneth Montgomery - January 21, 2017 at 11:03 PM

MH

“ M Hyvl lit a candle in memory of James
William Martin



M Hyvl - January 21, 2017 at 10:20 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album Photos of James



Sheila Gaskins - January 21, 2017 at 09:02 PM

B(

*Becky & Bubba Stewart sent donation to Hearne Cemetery in memory
of James*

Becky Stewart (sister) - January 25, 2017 at 09:27 AM

CM

“ *Connie Miller lit a candle in memory of James William Martin*



Connie Miller - January 21, 2017 at 08:46 PM

 Becky Martin Spelce

“ *Rebecca June Stewart was added to the Family Tree.*

Becky Martin Spelce - January 21, 2017 at 08:12 PM

CT

*Becky I am so sorry for your lost of you dear father. My prayers are with you and your family.
Cathy Pursley Taylor*

Cathy Taylor - January 22, 2017 at 04:59 PM

DR

BECKY MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND FAMILY. YOUR DAD AND GRANDFATHER WERE GREAT FRIENDS. KEEP THE MEMORIES ALIVE, MAY GOD BLESS YOU. WITH LOVE DIXIE ROBERTSON

DIXIE ROBERTSON - January 22, 2017 at 09:12 PM

 Becky Martin Spelce

“ *Jimmie June Stroud was added to the Family Tree.*

Becky Martin Spelce - January 21, 2017 at 08:11 PM

 Becky Martin Spelce

“ *Jimmie June Stroud was added to the Family Tree.*

Becky Martin Spelce - January 21, 2017 at 07:59 PM

Becky
Martin
Spelce

“ *John Bud Martin was added to the Family Tree.*

Becky Martin Spelce - January 21, 2017 at 07:58 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Baker lit a candle in memory of
James William Martin*



Carolyn Baker - January 21, 2017 at 07:51 PM

BO

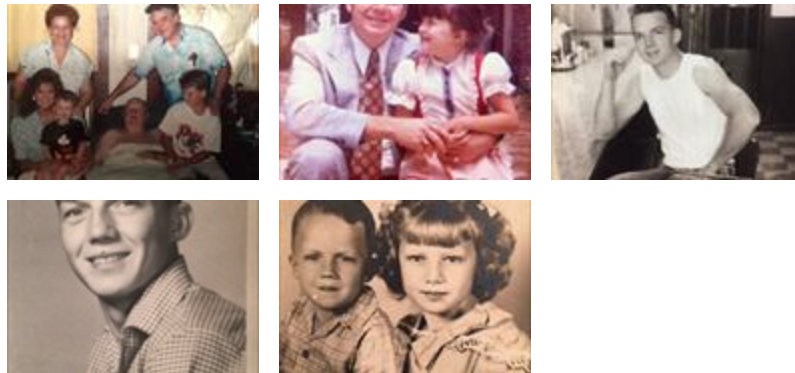
“ *Bubba & Mary Oliver lit a candle in memory of
James William Martin*



Bubba & Mary Oliver - January 21, 2017 at 07:48 PM

Becky
Martin
Spelce

“ *5 files added to the album Photos of James*



Becky Martin Spelce - January 21, 2017 at 07:45 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eddie Sheffield - January 21, 2017 at 05:53 PM

ES

“ Eddie Sheffield lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



Eddie Sheffield - January 21, 2017 at 05:47 PM

SS

“ Sue And Pat Sprott lit a candle in memory of James William Martin



Sue and Pat Sprott - January 21, 2017 at 05:17 PM

MW

“ I'm sorry for your loss. He was always so nice and always had a smile. I am praying for your family.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 21, 2017 at 05:11 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Gaskins lit a candle in memory of James William Martin*



Sheila Gaskins - January 21, 2017 at 04:30 PM

AS

“ *Allen & Noma Sylvester lit a candle in memory of James William Martin*



Allen & Noma Sylvester - January 20, 2017 at 08:41 PM

AS

Allen and I send our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss, May Gods love give you peace and comfort in the days to follow. Love you all - Allen and Noma Sylvester

Allen & Noma Sylvester - January 20, 2017 at 08:45 PM

 Dana Guidry

I am so very sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family.

Dana Guidry - January 21, 2017 at 04:35 PM

EC

Our deepest condolences to your family. What a precious man to be here on earth to have as your daddy.

Earl&Sherry Carter - January 22, 2017 at 08:20 AM