



## James Bass

February 18, 1935 - June 2, 2012

Graveside services for James E. Bass, 77, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. Allison Thompson officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Bass passed away Saturday, June 2 at East Texas Medical Center. He was born February 18, 1935 in Tyler to Rev. Elton Rayford and Evaline Wells Bass. Jim was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for over thirty-five years. He graduated from Tyler High in 1953 and graduated from SMU in 1958 with a BBA business degree. Jim married the love of his life, Christine Cantwell in 1959 and lived in Dallas until returning to Tyler in 1968 to purchase Davis, Turner and Caruthers Insurance Agency which then became Turner-Bass Associates. He was in the Air Force Reserves and a heart transplant recipient of fourteen years and six months. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patsy Bass Gilmore. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 53 years, Christine; sons, Russell Murray Bass of Tyler and his children Brinley and Bradey of Lindale; James Michael Bass and wife Amy and their children Sydney and Tanner, all of Tyler; daughter, Anne Pukstys and husband Tom and their children, Luke, David, and Dane, all of Chicago; brother, John Bass of Tyler; several nephews, cousins and one great-grandson. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 on Monday, June 4, 2012 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, Texas 75702.



# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ James was always glad to see you. I know he will be missed by many. I pray that God will comfort his family.

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**Jeff Jones** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Jim was a very good friend that we enjoyed being around. Our prayers go out to his family.

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**Weldon Griffith** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ What an inspiration with his heart transplant so long ago! Christine, know you will miss him and his wonderful smile.

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**Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Christene dear friend I was so shocked to learn of Jimmy's passing. I know that this has got to be devastating for you. We are thinking about you, and praying for you. Please accept our sincere condolences. We will be unable to attend the services as we will be in Dallas at another funeral. You will be in our thoughts on Monday. Your Friend.

*Bob*

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**Robert Hamilton** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Anne and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always have found memories of your Dad and all the fun times we had growing up at the Bass house. He was a blessing to all of us. I am comforted knowing that he is with his Lord and in a place where he has no pain and can run, jump and have no more physical pain or limitations.*

*Love to all of you!  
Marla (Hughes) & Scott Reeder*

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**Marla Reeder** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Christine and family please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jim will be so missed by all. His memory will be close to our hearts.*

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**Bill & Lynn McGinnis** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM