



## James Franklin Booker

May 21, 1939 - February 20, 2010

Services for James "Jim" Booker, 70, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Booker passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. He was born May 21, 1939 in Nacogdoches to Coy Samuel and Clara M. Wallace Booker. Jim was raised in Nacogdoches and attended school in Reklaw and graduated from high school in Rusk. He married his wife Gloria "Sandy" Sanders Booker in Aschaffenburg, Germany while stationed there in the Army. Mr. Booker worked for Hood Pkg. Inc as a shipping Manager and retired after 31 years. Jim was also a Past Master of Masonic Lodge #1233, and current Potentate of Sharon Shrine Temple in Tyler. He was a member of Sharon Clown Unit, Sharon Sportsters, Waco Scottish Rite, Camp Fannin Chapter #228, National Sojourners, Inc. and Hero's of '76. Jim was also a member of Green Acres Baptist Church since March 3, 1980. Mr. Booker was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 49 years, Gloria "Sandy" Booker of Tyler; son, Jimmy Booker and wife Lacy of Abilene; daughters, Tammy Booker Sims and husband Bruce of Bertram, Terry Lynn Sewell and husband Kelly of Flower Mound, Cheryl Ann Lord and husband Steven of Mansfield, and Imelda Lee Teague of Houston; sisters, Mary Joyce McCallum of North Richland Hills and Sammie Kay Taylor and husband Don of Ft. Worth; grandchildren, Amanda, Brandon, Ben, Grace, Blaine, Jeremy,

Jonathan and Robert; and great-grandchildren, Marla and Kalen. Pallbearers will be Scott Kelly, Norm Quaas, Pete Peters, Jack Brown, Jimmy Hawley and Seth McKee. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Jim Booker may be made to Sharon Shrine Temple, 10027 State Hwy 31 East, Tyler, Texas 75705-2334 or a charity of your choice. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you during this time of lose.*

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**Eric Swaim** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *Sandy, Homer and I just returned home from the beautiful celebration of Jim's life. You must be so very proud of Jimmy. He's a brave young man. Hold tight to your precious memories and God bless you and your family.*

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**homer & libby kennedy** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family through this dificult time.*

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**Scott Helms** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Know that your Bank Family is here for you. I know God?s promises will comfort and see you through your sorrow.*

*God will bless and keep you and yours always.*

*Carol*

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**Carol Essary** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Terry Lynn,

*I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sarah Kirksey*

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**Sarah Kirksey** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Terry Lynn,

*I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Stringer** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ All of you are in our thoughts and prayers today. God bless and comfort each of you.

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**Wanda and Ken Sewell** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in our deepest thoughts and prayers for God's love and care to give you peace during this time.

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**The Jay Spence Family** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Condolences to friends & family on our loss of James. I'll see my bro. on the streets of gold, hope you're there with us, & for eternity too. I haven't visited with James in years but, he & family were always in my heart as one of the joyful speedbumps in my life.  
In Christ's Endless Love,  
Don Glover - Class of '55

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Don Glover - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Jim, was a person that would go out of his way to help others, good friend, will be missed, enjoyed clowning with him.

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Don - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Sandy,

*I am sorry to hear about Jim.*

*I was glad to call him my friend and to also be his friend. Jim was a Good Man and was a very passionate person.*

*I know without a doubt there were several things he loved, of course the first being you and the second was the love of Masonry. He was a Mason in all aspects of the word from in the Blue Lodge which he never forgot up to being a Shriner. He never forgot that being a Shriner meant everything is always about kids that Shriners helped.*

*I will miss him but most of all I AM GLAD TO CALL HIM A FRIEND AND A BROTHER.*

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Paul King - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Sandy,

*It was such a shock. James was with us at lunch on Thursday, February 18, 2010.*

*I'm so glad we had that time with him.*

*I could always count on James. We had a lot of fun in those high school days gone by and then enjoyed continued 'old friendships' at our "Tradition @ Traditions" reunions. But, for now, we will say goodbye to our high school classmate and dear friend.*

*You were such a close, caring, and happy couple. I admired that so much. Life partners who really cared about friends, and worked together doing good things for others.*

*We are going to really miss him so very much and I want you to know we're here for you. Please stay close and in touch.*

*Love and sincere condolences to you and your family,  
Nelda (Smith) Ellis...RHS Class of '57*

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**Nelda (Smith) Ellis** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sandy,

*I was shocked and saddened to hear about Jim, he was a good friend and I will miss him! As I look back over the past few years several memories come to mind, too numerous to list! He was a Mason's Mason and will be deeply missed by the Masonic Fraternity. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Blake*

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**Blake Cammack** - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM