



James E. Haire

January 28, 1943 - November 9, 2012

The funeral service for James E. Haire will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Troup at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 with the Rev. Tommy Earl Burton officiating. There will be a visitation on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler.

James Haire was born on January 29, 1943 in Jacksonville to the late Willie Mae Thompson Rudd and Watson Haire. James attended grade school in Troup where he was deeply indebted to his first grade teacher, Ms. Faye Wiggins and Special Education teacher, Ms. Willie Dean, for their patience and work with James' delayed speech development. James later attended school in Pearsall and graduated from W.B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi, Tyler Junior College and the University of Houston.

He joined Missouri Pacific RR in 1964 and entered the Houston area oil refining and marketing business in 1968, going to work for Signal Oil & Gas on the Houston ship channel. The oil business never seemed like work to James because of his enjoyment of the work and the people. James always managed to mix plenty of fishing, hunting, skiing and gin rummy with business.

However, the most fun and satisfaction James had in life was with his two sons, James and Chris. The boys were home schooled and retiring early James was able to take the family on many fun but educational trips ranging from Mesa Verde to Vermont.

James spent much of his retirement years raising awareness of some of the lesser known but serious alcohol problems in Texas, particularly Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder of FASD. James was concerned by the fact that Texas families have not been adequately informed how to avoid the various levels of this permanent brain damage to their babies.

While addressing problems arising from the partnership between a beer marketer and a large State agency, James accidentally discovered the State agency had gained possession of a large Central Texas ranch that had been specifically willed to the "orphans of Texas". The agency planned to make a State park out of the ranch and mentioned recognizing the orphans' position in the ranch by giving them a discount on their entrance fees to the planned park. James was fortunate in finding a non-profit who had expertise in such matters and it was able to have the ranch returned to the orphans who had actually inherited the ranch.

Survivors include two sons, James Alexander Haire and Christopher Thompson Haire, both of Tyler along with three brothers, Dennis Haire and wife Paula of Glenwood, Iowa, Virgil Rudd and wife Linda of Sugar Land and John Rudd and wife, Dawn, of New Braunfels, Sherry Haire, his wife of 30 years, and many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Troup Class of 1961, Don Smith and C.A. Wilkinson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 202 E. Duval, Troup, 75789.

Cemetery Details

Bradford Cemetery

Troup, TX 75789

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

NOV **14** (CT)

First United Methodist Church
202 E. Duvall
Troup, TX 75789

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jennifer G. Haire lit a candle in memory of James E. Haire



Jennifer G. Haire - November 14, 2012 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ The Troup High School class of 1961 has lost a loyal friend. Jim started to school with us as a first grader, however, moved away during the elementary years. Some of us attended Tyler Junior College with him after high school graduation. We were all reconnected last summer when Jim attended our 50th THS Class Reunion. It was just like he had never moved away. We are grateful that we had this last year to spend time together. We will always remember Jim as that jovial, fun-loving guy with a boyish grin and a twinkle in his eye. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Mary Gene Martin Butler - November 12, 2012 at 06:13 PM

FH

“ With our deepest sympathy. Fred and Marsha Head and Family

Fred and Marsha Head - November 12, 2012 at 04:25 PM



“ Jim was a very special friend to the classmates of the Troup High School class of 1961. Even though he moved away in elementary school, we all reconnected last year at our 50th Class Reunion. Jim was a ray of sunshine and we will miss him sorely. I'm sure everyone in our class will join me in extending prayers of healing for his entire family. He is in God's caring hands now. May he find the peace he sought on earth with his Heavenly Father.

Lana Kiser

Lana - November 11, 2012 at 04:51 PM

DB

I have great memories of Jamie, he will always be Jamie to me. We terrorized the neighborhood back in the early 50's. I will always remember the fun times we had playing with Jamie, Nancy & David Wilkerson, Ronny Hemby, Anthony Gunn, Sherry Stovall. We had to best mud pie fights along with rock fights. Sometimes I wonder how we all survived. Jamie was the best rock person, when he hit you with a rock I knew you were rocked. As we use to sing "Happy trails to you until we met again". He was a very special person with a great smile. We will miss you.

Deanie Barrett - November 12, 2012 at 12:17 PM

WS

Jim was very kind to me when I was having health issues of my own. He often came by to cheer me up. The Class of '61 has lost a great friend.

W. T. "Dub" Sherman - November 13, 2012 at 04:00 AM

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. - SMITH FAMILY

ANGELA SMITH - November 13, 2012 at 01:42 PM



My prayers and sympathy are with the family and our classmates of 1961. I cannot travel yet or I would be there with you today. -- Fran Hamner

Fran Hamner - November 14, 2012 at 09:54 AM