



## James Andrew Hensarling

April 22, 2022

James Andrew Hensarling passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on April 22, 2022. Born December 2, 1954, in Bryan, Texas, he was preceded in death by his father, Charles Andrew Hensarling. James grew up in College Station and graduated from A&M Consolidated High School in 1973 where he was an all-district football player and an Eagle Scout. He was accepted into Texas A&M where he was a 3rd generation graduate of the Corps of Cadets and a proud member of Company B-2. Following graduation, he enlisted and served three years in the United States Army where he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upon completion of his service to the country, James was accepted into the Baylor University School of Law. He graduated with his Juris Doctorate in 1984. In that same year, he met and fell in love with Lee Hooper. They were married in 1985 and shortly after moved to Edna, Texas where James was the District Attorney in Jackson County. In 1987, James and Lee moved to Austin where they raised their two children, Lauren, born the following year, and Brock, born shortly after in 1989. James spent the next twenty years working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas. Any time he wasn't working, James prioritized being with his family, his greatest source of pride and joy. His happiest memories were of the summers he spent in Grand Lake, Colorado, where he watched his children sail and enjoyed his many friends at the Grand Lake Yacht Club.

In 2008, James and Lee moved to Tyler, Texas, where he spent eleven years as a Parole Commissioner for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. James had a reputation for being intelligent and principled and was deeply respected by his colleagues.

James was an avid learner and voracious reader who had a penchant for stopping at every historical marker he passed. He developed a passion for European football and loved cheering on the Tottenham Hotspurs. He was a man of great faith which was manifested in the way he raised his children, honored his wife, and lived his life both personally and professionally. He was kind, smart, honorable, selfless, and loving. His warmth and the way he made people feel around him was unparalleled, and it was evidenced in the innumerable friendships he created over his life. He was loved, cherished, and admired by his family and thrived over the past three years in his role as “Papa Bear” to his four grandchildren.

James is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lee Hensarling. James is also survived by his children and grandchildren: his daughter, Lauren Hensarling Huschka, her husband, Bryce Huschka, and their children, Maren and Milly; his son, Brock Hensarling, his wife, Arden Elliott Hensarling, and their children, Chase and Wells. In addition, James is survived by his mother, Ann Brock Hensarling, his brother, Jeb Hensarling, his wife, Melissa Fore Hensarling, and his sister, Carolyn Hensarling Arizpe, her husband Homer Arizpe; as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Tyler, 118 South Bois d’Arc, Tyler, Texas on Wednesday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in honor of James may be made to Christ Church Tyler Endowment Fund, [christchurchtyler.org](http://christchurchtyler.org), or the Texas Aggie

Corps of Cadets Association, 1134 Finfeather Road, Bryan, TX 77803,  
[corpsofcadets.org/memory.com](http://corpsofcadets.org/memory.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church  
118 South Bois d' Arc  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Lee, Amy and I are so sad of the loss of James. We send our deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family. I always enjoyed seeing James and visiting with him. Such a great guy and gentlemen.

Amy and Jim Sierra

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Jim - April 28, 2022 at 05:29 PM

WK

“ From Palmer Kelly---

My sincerest condolences to Lee and to all of the family and friends of James...his loss is profound and deeply grieved...but our grief will eventually yield to the happy memories of his good life well lived...James and I were colleagues in the US Attorney's Office in Austin many years ago, and his great sense of humor and friendship made those days go quicker and easier than they might have otherwise...he will be much missed...may he rest in peace, and solace come soon to the hearts of his loved ones...

Palmer Kelly  
AUSA/USEPA EnfrmtAtt (retired)  
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W. Kelly - April 28, 2022 at 12:08 PM

ED

“ My condolences to the Hensarling family. May God rest James' soul and comfort his family.

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Edna Dunger - April 27, 2022 at 10:01 PM

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“ James was a colleague who worked for me at the Elections Division of the Secretary of State of Texas. I always appreciated his dry humor and quick wit and OFTEN relied of his steady advice and counsel. Being a fellow Aggie and a veteran, we had a lot in common. I hated to see him leave Austin. He was a great guy in so many respects and will be missed. We have made a donation to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Association in James' memory. Gig 'em!

Tom & Jody Harrison - April 26, 2022 at 01:48 PM

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“ Lee, Lauren, and Brock--and family. I just now saw the sad news about James.  
Sending my deepest sympathy about the loss of this most wonderful husband and dad.  
My memories of James are just the very best-- in every way.  
Thinking of you and sending love. Flo Ann Randle, Austin, Texas

FloAnn Randle - April 25, 2022 at 06:58 PM

CD

“ Carla and Robert DuBois purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Andrew Hensarling.



Carla and Robert DuBois - April 25, 2022 at 11:57 AM

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“ *Austin-Howard Lane Parole Board Office purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Andrew Hensarling.*



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**Austin-Howard Lane Parole Board Office** - April 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Andrew Hensarling.*



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April 24, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Andrew Hensarling.*



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April 24, 2022 at 11:47 AM