



James Thomas Hodde

March 31, 1936 - September 5, 2025

James Thomas Hodde passed away on the 5th of September 2025, at his home in Whitehouse, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Faye Hodde after sharing sixty-one years together.

Born in Eagle Pass, Texas, James was the son of William Frederick Hodde and Geralene Lewis Hodde. The family moved to Waco, Texas during James' childhood, and he graduated from Baylor University with degrees in mathematics and physics, studied at the University of Virginia, and later earned a Master's degree in Accounting from UTEP. His career with the Department of Defense was spent at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico where he served as a Supervisory Research Analyst.

James will be remembered for his love of his family, the example he set for his children and grandchildren, and his work through the years in his church. He served as both a deacon and an elder, and spent years welcoming people in the front foyer, recalling their names and their families with amazing accuracy. He also will be recalled for saving a string of cats who showed up—sometimes injured—on his doorstep, including TC, his most recent housemate.

James is survived by his children Doug Hodde, M.D. and his wife Shelly; Dana and her husband Jim Jones; Jeannette and her husband Matt Cheney,

and TC. He also had a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Sarah Atkinson, her children Isaac, Lucy, and Mira; Katherine Hodde, her husband Taahir Ahmed, and their son Jahan; and Alice Sanderson and her husband David, and their children Aria and Gideon; Travis Jones, his wife Morgan, and their daughter Skylar; Emily Mills, her husband Ian, and their children Rosemary and Micah; and Morgan Kelly Keen and her husband Jon.

The private family service will be held Wednesday, September 10th at the Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler, Texas.

Tribute Wall

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“ Your Community Group Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Thomas Hodde.



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“ Your Community Group Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas Hodde.

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“ Sorry for your loss. James Hodde was a kind Christian man. Prayers for peace and comfort. In Christian Love, Gary and Nancy Conner

Nancy Conner - September 08, 2025 at 02:39 PM

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“ Brett and Sheri Sanderson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Thomas Hodde.



Brett and Sheri Sanderson - September 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM