



## James "Jake" E. Laurence

April 2, 1927 - April 17, 2019

Services for James "Jake" E. Laurence, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2019 in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, with a private family interment at Rose Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Laurence was born April 2, 1927 in Toro, Louisiana to James E. and Eula Annie Calloway Laurence and he passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Lockhart, Texas.

Jake grew up in New London where he met and married the love of his life, Mary Louise VanHaverbeke. They lived in Ft. Stockton for many years where Jake was a successful businessman and served on the City Council. Upon his retirement, they moved to Tyler in 2002.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Lou and his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Ruckriegel of Celina; sons, James Michael Laurence and wife Benita of Ft. Stockton, and Dr. Charles Laurence and wife Cheryl of Lockhart, who lovingly cared for Jake in his final years; as well as a brother, Joe Howard Laurence and wife Rose of Deridder; four grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our Daddy, Buck Chance, treasured the special bond he had with his first cousin Jake. They grew up together, and our family was blessed through the years because of that strong continuing relationship. Jake was warm and wise, and we have wonderful memories to cherish. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Gloria Chance Leach and Sandra Chance McWilliams

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**Sandra McWilliams** - April 20, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ My mother, Aline Chance Dowden was his fishing partner at Toledo Bend and a great friend. Both he and Mary shared many good times together. Jake came to her gravesite service and I had them open the casket so he could see her for one last time. That was a precious moment for me seeing the love and tears of a great friend. What a great reunion that will be....for Mary and for my mom. My condolences and prayers for you all . Sylvia Dowden Vidrine

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**Sylvia Dowden Vidrine** - April 19, 2019 at 01:19 PM