



## James Schoggins

December 1, 1933 - February 9, 2011

Services for James Roosevelt Schoggins, 78, of Tyler will be held Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 3:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Cable officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Schoggins passed away February 9, 2011 in Tyler. He was born December 1, 1933 in Waco to the late Willie and Cora Mae Schoggins. He served his country in the United States Navy and later worked as an engineer for the Department of Defense. Mr. Schoggins was an avid golfer, fisherman, hunter and musician. His great love was bluegrass music and he was an expert mandolin picker. He was a founding member of the California Bluegrass Association and a member of the International Bluegrass Music Association. In addition to his parents, Mr. Schoggins was preceded in death by two brothers, W. L. Schoggins and Wesley Schoggins. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 57 years, Ellen Bethel Schoggins; three children, Kenneth Schoggins and partner Art, Dennis Schoggins and wife Wendy, and Kathleen Schoggins; brothers, Jerry Wayne Schoggins and Brazel Schoggins; five grandchildren, Trina, Shauna, Jeremy, Chris and Tena; five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Ellen, you know we have loved & enjoyed both of you so much over the years at Turkey Track. You are in our prayers.*

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**Bill & Linda Lovett** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Aunt Ellen and family...we're so saddened by your/our loss. What a blessing to have had Uncle James in our lives. Gonna miss his sense of humor, hugs and his wonderful pickin'.*

*Prayers and hugs coming your way!*

*Love you all,  
Lori*

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**Lori Schoggins** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I was saddened when I heard the news, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Ellen and the family. That said, I know our loss is the lord's gain and Jim is doing great and not having to suffer.

I came to know Jim sometime back and for whatever reason, we became pretty good buddies. He allowed me the opportunity to pick with him from time to time and he always enjoyed it as well as I. We would play a tune that had a good drive to it and Jim would look over at me and wink. That always meant that he was liking what he was hearing. After the song he then would say, that was a good one, I mean a "dad blame good one"! That quote will always be etched in my brain as coming from Jim Schoggins. So don't be surprised if you hear me borrow his quote from time to time. In closing I would like to say that Jim was a good one, I mean a "dad blame good one"! See there I'm already using his quote. Yes Jim was my buddy and I already miss him. The jam sessions won't be the same but as we all know, life goes on. The good thing is, I know we will jam again someday and when we do it will be a "dad blame good one". Ellen, you hang in there and I'll see you sometime. Take care and May God Bless!

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**Roger Sparks** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I WAS SADDENED TO HERE THAT JAMES HAD PASSED. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

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**LARRY AND DENISE FOSTER** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Our thoughts are with your family and pray for peace and comfort. We only spent a short while with Jim but found he was a very special person and know he was dearly loved by family and friends. Cherish the memories and he will always be in your hearts.

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**Earl & Pat Larson** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Family,  
I will miss James, even though we had not seen each other in years.  
I have my memories of him when we were all young. He was my  
first crush. What a reunion he is having in Heave.

God Bless and Keep in his hands

Dollie

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**Dollie Foster** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Ellen, I can't begin to express my sadness at hearing about the loss  
of Jim. I pray you and the entire family can find comfort and peace  
at this time. He was a character in his own right, a one of a kind  
gem, who held his own with anyone who had the opportunity to get  
a chance to visit with him. I will always remember his smile and  
swagger, when he was making that mandolin bark so it could be  
heard all over the park as he led the jam on a hard driving bluegrass  
breakdown. He picked and lived with all he had, and I know you  
especially, but all of us will miss him and zeal for life. Love You All

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**Carla Shaw** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dennis & Wendy

We are so sorry for your loss. We will pray that God will grant you  
and your family peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead as  
you mourn for your precious Father.

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**Dave & Vickie Larson** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *My sympathy to dear Ellen and family. How wonderful is the Bible's promises of a better future when death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. Revelation 21:4  
May Jehovah God strengthen you.*

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**L.M. ERVIN** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ We were deeply saddened when we received Kathy's call about her dad's passing. Our hearts go out to Ellen and family. We now especially regret not taking off a day or two while passing through the Dallas-Forth Worth Airport on our travels, and driving to Tyler for a brief visit.

Norma and first husband Dennis Florence first met Jim and Ellen when Norma's brother Kenneth Nance and wife Pauline moved into a house across the street from Jim and Ellen, in Mountain View, California. It was a close knit neighborhood that enjoyed hanging out with each other. Jim, along with a few friends, would supply the music and Kenneth would supply the Jack Daniel's and any necessary heavy lifting.

Norma and Dennis would enjoy the festivities, and when Dennis and Norma started an annual Fourth of July pig roast in Madera, they included Jim, his mandolin, Ellen and family. By this time they were all "one big family". The yearly pig roast continued through 1977, the year of Dennis' passing. When Kenneth retired to Riverdale, California, and resurrected the Fourth- of-July pig roast, Norma's new husband Wayne was welcomed into the "family". Jim supplied a bulk of the music and a great time was had by all.

With Kenneth's passing the Pig roast mantel was picked up by Norma's son Mike Florence and son-in-law Mike Quirk. With Jim's retirement and move to Tyler, TX, a definite void at the Pig roast (now the "Pork-of-July Celebration") was definitely felt.

Ellen, hopefully you will be able to accompany Kathy to one of the up-coming roasts.

With our love,  
Norma & Wayne Roberts

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**Wayne & Norma Roberts** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *We loved him and his music and we will miss him greatly. Turkey Track won't be the same without him.  
Our love and prayers are with you Ellen and your family  
God Bless you all*

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**Tab and Lois Warren** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM