



Jimmy D. Hutchins

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Jimmy D. Hutchins, 76, of Tyler, Texas, passed away peacefully during early Friday morning at his home. Born in Tyler to Robert Andrew Hutchins and Lucile Marie Hutchins, Jimmy grew up in the community he loved and served all his life.

A proud graduate of John Tyler High School, Jimmy excelled on the football field, playing both the offensive and defensive line with skill and determination. From birth, he attended Trinity Baptist Church, where his deep faith shaped every aspect of his life. It was there, in seventh grade, that he met the love of his life, Carolyn Shafer. They were married at Trinity Baptist Church in December of 1967 and built a marriage that lasted 57 years, grounded in devotion to God, family, and one another.

Jimmy was a faithful servant and leader at Trinity, serving as a deacon, chairing numerous committees, and always stepping forward when there was work to be done. Later, he continued his service at First Baptist Church in many volunteer capacities, sharing his time and talents wherever they were needed. Known for his unselfish nature, he “stood in the gap” for family and friends alike, even serving as a father figure for children who needed his guidance and care.

Professionally, Jimmy worked for decades in the food brokerage business, rising to an executive role through hard work, integrity, and a commitment to doing things the right way. Later in life, he discovered a new passion in remodeling homes, applying his skill and trustworthiness to every project.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lucile Hutchins, his brother R.A. “Bobby” Hutchins and his beloved daughter, Tara Hutchins Jones. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hutchins; daughter, Tammy Riley (Chris); son, Brian Hutchins (Colinda); and son-in-law, Chris Jones. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren—Connor Riley (Megan), Abigail Riley, Bailey Dominguez (Michael), Hadley Jones, Sydney Jones, Thomas Hutchins, Corrin Hutchins, Zachary High and Cole Villyard. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Linda Lane (Curtis), and many nieces and nephews who adored their Uncle Jimmy, as well as countless friends who were touched by his kindness and generosity.

Jimmy’s life was a testament to service, love, and quiet strength. He was a man who gave more than he took, who cared for others before himself, and who left every life he touched a little better.

Memorial services for Jimmy will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Tyler with Pastor Pike Wisner officiating. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Generation to Generation Fund at First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas, 301 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702 (www.fbctyler.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy D. Hutchins



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 17, 2025 at 01:37 PM

JH

He was a sweet guy!

Joanne Harrison - August 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SK

“ Jimmy was a great person....RIP my friend!

Scott Kelly - November 11, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ 156 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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“ Jim Hutchins was such a light in the lives of his family, friends and the First Baptist Church community. He was a dedicated Christian who always had a positive attitude in light of many life challenges. He brought the teaching of Jesus into daily life by his living example. He praised his Father God in Heaven by his faithful service and Christian love. We will miss you and pray that your family is strengthened by knowing that you are in Heaven with God and all the Angels and Saints. Sincerely, Don and Cynthia Kent

Cynthia Stevens Kent - August 17, 2025 at 08:45 AM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember his wonderful hug when I visited First Baptist years back. I have only fond memories of him as we attended school together so many years. We will meet again in heaven. in Christ, Sarah Clark

Sarah Clark - August 16, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DD

“ Jimmy will be dearly missed by all. He was always first of all a friend loved God and family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love Doug Dotson. RIp Jim

doug dotson - August 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

TN

“ I have been friends with Jimmy and Carolyn since we were in our 20s and I can recall so many good times, shenanigans and just plain fun. Jimmy was the one who made the travel plans. He was a good man and great friend.

Trish Nation - August 15, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ I have known Mr Hutchins for longer than my memory will take me; back to the early years at Trinity Baptist Church where many special relationships were formed. Of those relationships there was a special bond between those of the Hutchins, Hutchins, Hursts and the Munoz’s. There are so many memories and special times, too many to number, but one of the bests was when Melissa and I were in the waiting room at the hospital before our dad passed and Mr Hutchins walked in to see him and comfort us. Now they are in Gloryland! I am so sorry for your loss but praise God for his salvation as I know we will meet again!

Hugs and prayers Mrs Hutchins, Tammy, Brian and family!
-Michelle Munoz Mims

Michelle Mims - August 15, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ From the time we moved to Tyler 11 years ago, we felt the Christian friendship from the Hutchins family. Ray had gone to school with Carolyn & their sister-in-law Linda Lane. He renewed “old” friendships, and I began new ones. We knew Hutch as a friend, a Bible Study leader, a devoted family man. His absence in our presence will be difficult, but we know he is present with the Lord. All our love to Carolyn and her family.

Sherry & Ray Kent

Sherry Kent - August 15, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sherry Kent lit a candle in memory of Jimmy D. Hutchins*



Sherry Kent - August 15, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ *From Sherry & Ray Kent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy D. Hutchins.*

From Sherry & Ray Kent - August 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM

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“ *From Sherry & Ray Kent purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jimmy D. Hutchins.*



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