



## J.C. Romines

May 19, 1937 - November 21, 2022

J.C. Romines passed from his life of service and stewardship on November 21, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born in Seymour, Texas, on May 19, 1937, to Charles Rueben and Ora (Priddy) Romines. He married Shirley Pardue on September 5, 1958, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. They were together 63 years before she passed in April of this year.

J.C. joined the U.S. Army in May of 1956 and was honorably discharged from the 82nd Airborne Division in May of 1959. He then entered the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission's 13th Academy, on November 15, 1961. His first duty station was Denton County. He then came to Jack County in 1965, where he finished out his career. Within a month of his retirement on October 31, 1992, reality set in, and once again, he returned to his love of wildlife with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) as a Special Warden working in Fanning, Lubbock, and Dallam counties. After the short five-year campaign with TPWD, the WT Waggoner Estate hired him to work as a ranch warden. He loved the Waggoner Ranch, and his last call of duty spanned from 1997-2017. J.C. retained his Peace Officer Commission for 55 years. He was also one of the founding members of the Texas Game Warden Association and a past President of the North American Wildlife Officers Association. He recently was awarded his 60-year pin and is a Past Master of the Fort Richardson Masonic Lodge #320 served as a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason as well as belonging to the Maskat Shriners for 36 years.

Throughout his life, J.C.'s passion as a conservationist never dwindled. He touched many lives through the years. One such group of lives included nine local Jack County boys that were offered an outdoor opportunity that they otherwise might not have experienced. In December of 1967, J.C., several local ranchers and game wardens came together to start the first ever boy's hunt. These hunts have now grown into a 2-day event that involves over 35 boys and girls, and over 55 adult volunteers from all over the State. It is believed that this is the largest and longest running youth hunt event in Texas. Through a deep belief in conservation, stewardship and service, J.C. has left a legacy that will live on in the lives of many.

J.C. is preceded in death by his parents, ten siblings, and wife, Shirley Romines.

Those left to cherish his memory are; daughters Kellie Brown and husband Ray of Reno, Texas, Janean Romines and spouse Deb Dufficy of Fort Collins, Colorado, and son Daniel Romines of Arlington, Texas and Kim Romines of Jacksboro, Texas; grandchildren Devin Ballard and wife Jessica of Quail, Texas, Katie Ballard of Sadler, Texas, Lindsey Gray and husband Blake of Perrin, Texas, Summer and Autumn Romines of Jacksboro, and Micah Lillie of Austin, Texas; great-grandchildren Jackson and Lydia Gray, and Pecos and Porter Ballard.

Visitation will begin at 1 PM, with funeral services to follow at 2 PM, Sunday, November 27, 2022, at the First Baptist Church in Jacksboro, Texas. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to:

Gladys Johnson Richie Library  
626 W. College

Jacksboro, Texas 76458

Or

Jacksboro Fire Department Stocking Fund

P.O. Box 312

Jacksboro, Texas 76458

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

145 Oakwood Avenue  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
200 North Knox Street  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
<http://www.fbcjacksboro.com>

## Celebration of Life

NOV 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
200 North Knox Street  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *J.C. Romines*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *J.C. Romines*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *David Cheryl Matthew Matlock lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**David Cheryl Matthew Matlock** - December 02, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *JIM WHITSITT lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**JIM WHITSITT** - December 02, 2022 at 10:45 AM

GS

“ *My condolences to his family, and especially to my old friend Janean. I still remember!*



**Gary Sikes** - November 29, 2022 at 08:55 PM

KH

“ *Kristy Holman lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Kristy Holman** - November 29, 2022 at 10:56 AM

MM

“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Mary Massengale** - November 28, 2022 at 10:06 PM

TC

“ *The Mississippi Cousins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of J.C. Romines.*



**The Mississippi Cousins** - November 26, 2022 at 04:46 PM

SA

“ Steve Amburn lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Steve Amburn - November 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

MT

“ Marion And Debra Tillery lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



marion and Debra Tillery - November 25, 2022 at 02:58 PM

BW

“ Brenda White lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Brenda White - November 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM

AC

“ Alan And Debbie Coleman lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Alan and Debbie Coleman - November 24, 2022 at 01:47 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Corder lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Carolyn Corder - November 23, 2022 at 08:53 PM

KL

“ Kathy Lowrance lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Kathy Lowrance - November 23, 2022 at 06:14 PM

MB

“ Mike and Ellen Brister purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of J.C. Romines.



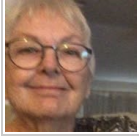
Mike and Ellen Brister - November 23, 2022 at 04:20 PM

KF

“ Kevin Florance lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Kevin Florance - November 23, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ (cont) impressive collection of arrowheads and artifacts, and was an avid student of early Western history. He was a great storyteller and entertainer. He was always fun to be around. He will be forever missed. I am so glad to have know him.

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**Darlene Swim** - November 23, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ Heather Reeves lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



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**Heather Reeves** - November 23, 2022 at 01:41 PM

“ Going back to the days to the beginning of the Texas Game Warden Association was the first time I ever saw J.C. Romines. He was a charter member as well as I. In those days he was the delegated Secretary and ran the Association from a post office box and took care of the funds and meeting minutes. We were blessed to have him as we relied so much on his leadership. I was very impressed with his communication and writing skills. The publisher of our magazine once told us at a meeting that J.C. Romines impressed him so much so that J.C. could work as a writer for any outdoor magazine or news outlet if he so wanted to do so. I know I was impressed with him in terms of his knowledge, skills, talent, leadership and vision that he possessed. To me he should have been at the top in terms of upper management within the Law Enforcement Division without question.

The last time I spoke with J.C. was way back some years. His daughter went to work for the State or Federal Agriculture Department as I recall. She was stationed in the Rio Grande Valley and he called me to see if I could meet with her. He wanted me to be a contact if his daughter needed anything or help with her being so far away from Jack County. 'No problem J.C", call me anytime. The last time I talked to him.

Looking back to some of those old meeting I remember J.C. was not an advocate of when the Department went from half a day to a full day for dove season in the state. I wasn't either and we wrote many letters to our dissatisfaction to legislators. Guess we didn't have enough scientific clout, it happened anyway. Sometimes to enjoy life one has to laugh at oneself. J.C. had a good one. He spoke about checking a group of dove hunting one day in the field. Dove feathers and empty shot gun shells were all about around some trucks the hunters had. J.C. was checking their license and birds and came across an igloo water can on the bed of one of the trucks. It had some blood and few feathers on the lid. He took the lid off and noticed ice with a bloody dark liquid inside it. He took his hand and reached inside to search the igloo for any birds. He didn't find any. The hunter told that he won't find any birds in that igloo but it does contain some mighty good sweet tea. No doubt with J.C. and his

*communication skills he smoothed that over. May you rest in peace J.C. as I was lucky to meet a man of your caliber for sure. My thoughts go to your family as I hope their faith helps them with your passing. Wish I could make your service but I have a doctors appointment that I cannot reschedule.*

*Capt. Ken L. Baker (retired)*

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**Capt. Ken L. Baker** - November 23, 2022 at 11:27 AM

DB

*Love it. Thank you for sharing. Ken.*

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**Devin Ballard** - November 24, 2022 at 12:31 AM

CN

“ *Carolyn Nichols lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



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**Carolyn Nichols** - November 23, 2022 at 11:05 AM

MC

“ *Martha Craft Clement lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



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**Martha Craft Clement** - November 23, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ Jack And Taylor Mathis lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Jack and Taylor Mathis - November 23, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MM

“ Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Marianne Myers - November 23, 2022 at 08:25 AM

SH

“ I wouldn't even know where to begin! As a 26 year old moving from a county with 13 GW's to a county of 1, I met a man in the county to my West who never wavered in patience, knowledge and pure grit to teach me about being a true Game Warden. The years I spent riding with JC or him with me will forever be ingrained in my life. The day before JC's retirement party I spent visiting with him about his forthcoming party and asked if he would be upset if I didn't attend the party and instead patrolled Jack County in his honor hoping to do him proud. He just grinned and shook my hand. To JC's family our sincere condolences and am sad I'm at a place I can't get away to be at the service but know our hearts are with you!



Scott Haney - November 22, 2022 at 10:07 PM

KB

*Thank you. He loved his fellow Wardens and enjoyed passing in his knowledge.*

**Kellie Romines Brown** - November 23, 2022 at 02:23 PM

DB

*Thank you Scott*

**Devin Ballard** - November 24, 2022 at 12:33 AM

JK

“ *James And Debbie King lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**James and Debbie King** - November 22, 2022 at 09:39 PM

LM

“ *Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Leo & Carla Marley** - November 22, 2022 at 08:48 PM

DL

“ *Dale & Carol Leach lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Dale & Carol Leach** - November 22, 2022 at 08:38 PM

LO

“ *Loretta lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Loretta** - November 22, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of J.C. Romines.*



November 22, 2022 at 06:51 PM

DG

“ *David Green lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**David Green** - November 22, 2022 at 06:09 PM

TM

“ *Tim And Cathy McAnear sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Tim and Cathy McAnear** - November 22, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JF

“ Jason & Marci Thomas Family lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



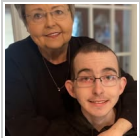
Jason & Marci Thomas Family - November 22, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Juli Brooks lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Juli Brooks - November 22, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ Charlene McCaghren lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Charlene McCaghren - November 22, 2022 at 01:31 PM

BF

“ Bruce & Theresa Hesteande Family lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Bruce & Theresa Hesteande Family - November 22, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MM

“ Peace and comfort to the Romines family. 🙏  
🙏



Mike/Rhonda Mitchell - November 22, 2022 at 12:48 PM

RH

“ Praying for peace and comfort for the  
Romines family 🙏🙏 Mike & Regina



Regina Holland - November 22, 2022 at 12:32 PM

RL

“ Ronda Lewis lit a candle in memory of J.C.  
Romines



Ronda Lewis - November 22, 2022 at 12:31 PM

AH

“ J C was a special Game Warden working in Dalham County. I was  
working in Region 6, we would talk often, I learned a great deal just  
from listening to him, he had a wealth of experience and I  
appreciate the time he took talking to me

Rest In Peace  
Audie Hamm

Audie Hamm - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM

DB

*Thank you Audie*

**Devin Ballard** - November 24, 2022 at 12:34 AM

JK

“ *JC was on my interview board when I applied to TPWD. I got to work with him a couple times later on and he was what I would call "A game Warden's game warden" He loved kids and spent some time explaining to them what all the laws were about. The best thing I can say is He was my friend. Jm Kitchens Game Warden retired.*

**Jim Kitchens** - November 22, 2022 at 11:15 AM

DB

*That's him, sounds like you knew him well. Thank you*

**Devin Ballard** - November 24, 2022 at 12:36 AM

CB

“ *Cindy And Doyle Browning lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



**Cindy and Doyle Browning** - November 22, 2022 at 10:58 AM

JJ

“ Family members of JC, and the other game wardens that helped form the Texas Game Warden Association, did more good for game wardens than our younger game wardens could imagine. We didn't have a voice, outside of some supervisors who were brave enough to speak up for he needs of game wardens.  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are for JC and his family members. God rest hi soul

Jack Maddux Jr - November 22, 2022 at 10:24 AM

LD

“ Lounetta Damron lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Lounetta Damron - November 22, 2022 at 10:19 AM

JD

“ My condolences to the Romines family. Remember JC with the Game Warden Association cook offs and conventions. He will be missed. God Bless.  
The Delgado's

Jerry Delgado - November 22, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LW

“ Lesa A Warren lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines



Lesla A Warren - November 22, 2022 at 09:43 AM

BS

“ *Ken and Becky Swan*



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**Becky Swan** - November 22, 2022 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ *David Cheryl Matthew Matlock lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



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**David Cheryl Matthew Matlock** - November 22, 2022 at 08:40 AM

LW

“ *Lilly May West lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



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**Lilly May West** - November 22, 2022 at 07:55 AM

DM

“ *Darlene (Long) Maxwell lit a candle in memory of J.C. Romines*



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**Darlene (Long) Maxwell** - November 21, 2022 at 08:52 PM