



## James Kenneth Kennedy

June 15, 1925 - April 28, 2018

Mr Kennedy was born in Farrar, Texas on June 15, 1925 to Garvis and Aline Kennedy. He was a long-time resident of Jacksboro and passed away on April 28, 2018 in Jacksboro, Texas after a long and very full life. He is survived by his son Reggie Kennedy, granddaughter Kelly Kennedy & Chad Jones, great grandson Chase Jones, sister Wanda Blackmon and his loving and caring companion JoAnn Killen.

James was a World War II Navy veteran stationed on the seaplane tender USS Hamlin and attained the rank of Yeoman 3rd class. The USS Hamlin sailed in the Pacific 3rd Fleet under the command of Admiral William "Bull" Halsey Jr. He was drafted into service in February 1944 after graduating from Groesbeck High School and 90 days later was headed to Iwo Jima for the march to Tokyo Bay and the Japanese surrender on August 15, 1945. The USS Hamlin and crew were present in Tokyo Bay and observed the formal Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri on September 2.

James graduated with a BBA from Sam Houston State University in 1949. He moved to Abilene, Texas and entered the banking business until deciding that it interfered with his hunting and fishing activities. He later moved to Jacksboro and started Kennedy Pest Control where he earned the nickname 'Rat Man' from clients, friends and just people who like to call him 'Rat Man'. He was the veterans Service Officer for Jack County for 28 years and a

Quartermaster with the VFW.

James will be sorely missed for his fish fries, his service to the country, his tomato garden, his pool table skills and his big heart and love of life. He was always quick with a smile, laugh and hearty handshake. He lived an exemplary life. He and LK Bowen, Tubby Lowrance, Hugo Rawlings, Woodrow Henderson and all his other good buddies can now relax and let the local fish population recover for the younger generations.

# Previous Events

## Church Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Christian Church  
115 North Knox Street  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Kenneth Kennedy*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *James Kenneth Kennedy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Monte Garner lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



**Monte Garner** - November 25, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



**Mary Massengale** - May 08, 2018 at 03:21 PM

JD

“ *John & Juanita Damron lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



John & Juanita Damron - May 04, 2018 at 11:57 AM

LM

“ *I am so sorry for your families loss JoAnn! You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Laurie Mayo - May 03, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AM

“ *Ann, Greg, Jennifer, Gilbert, and Michael purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Kenneth Kennedy.*



Ann, Greg, Jennifer, Gilbert, and Michael - May 03, 2018 at 11:23 AM

AH

“ *Kenneth made the BEST fried catfish and hush puppies EVER! He was a wonderful man, a true patriot, and he will be missed terribly.*



Ann Hill - May 03, 2018 at 10:10 AM

SR

“ James was such a great person.....he will surely be missed.....

*Sam and Shirley Roach*

Sam and Shirley Roach - May 02, 2018 at 11:43 AM

RM

“ What a good man and PATRIOT he was.....  
will be missed by many.



Roxanna Maddox - May 02, 2018 at 10:38 AM

JW

“ Junior And Linda Watson lit a candle in  
memory of James Kenneth Kennedy



Junior and Linda Watson - May 02, 2018 at 08:34 AM

GL

“ Gevern&Ronda Lewis lit a candle in memory  
of James Kenneth Kennedy



Gevern&Ronda Lewis - May 01, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ Susan Rhodes lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy



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Susan Rhodes - May 01, 2018 at 08:15 PM

RD

“ I will always cherish the fishing trips You, Dad, Eric, Matt and I took. Boy did we ever catch the Tuna and Snapper. Sorry that Paula and I will not be able to make it to Jacksboro for the services this Friday. Paula is scheduled for surgery at the VA Hospital here in Houston Thursday.

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Rick Dickson - May 01, 2018 at 06:51 PM

RD

“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



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Rick Dickson - May 01, 2018 at 06:27 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Loretta Martinez** - May 01, 2018 at 04:40 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Massengale purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Kenneth Kennedy.*



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**Brenda Massengale** - May 01, 2018 at 11:08 AM

NH

“ *Nash Hardware lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Nash Hardware** - May 01, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Tg Sims lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Tg Sims** - April 30, 2018 at 10:10 PM

RL

“ *Rusty&Kathy Lowrance lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Rusty&Kathy Lowrance** - April 30, 2018 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ *Judy & Bill McRoberts lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Judy & Bill McRoberts** - April 30, 2018 at 03:41 PM

NY

“ *NETA JO CURTNER YATES lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**NETA JO CURTNER YATES** - April 30, 2018 at 03:30 PM

RB

“ *Rowdy&Crystal Barnett lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Rowdy&Crystal Barnett** - April 30, 2018 at 03:08 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Garner lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Kathy Garner** - April 30, 2018 at 01:05 PM

BW

“ *Brenda White lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Brenda White** - April 30, 2018 at 12:26 PM

 James Jones

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**James Jones** - April 30, 2018 at 12:06 PM

KF

“ *Kevin Florance lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Kevin Florance** - April 30, 2018 at 12:00 PM

WT

“ *Waco & Theresa Tabor lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Waco & Theresa Tabor** - April 30, 2018 at 11:17 AM

TH

“ *TJ Hart lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**TJ Hart** - April 30, 2018 at 11:14 AM

MO

“ *Mitchel & Lana Osteen lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Mitchel & Lana Osteen** - April 30, 2018 at 10:01 AM

BP

“ *Bill Pierce lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Bill Pierce** - April 30, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *Jim Whitsitt lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Jim Whitsitt** - April 30, 2018 at 08:31 AM

LS

“ *Linda Duggan Stringfellow lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Linda Duggan Stringfellow** - April 30, 2018 at 07:51 AM

NN

“ *Nick And Vicki Nichols lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Nick and Vicki Nichols** - April 29, 2018 at 10:44 PM

JM

“ *Jr And Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Jr and Melba Mower** - April 29, 2018 at 09:58 PM

DK

“ *Debbie King lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



Debbie King - April 29, 2018 at 09:58 PM

AL

“ *April Leach lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



April Leach - April 29, 2018 at 08:26 PM

Lucy Guest

“ *Lucy Guest sent a virtual gift in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



Lucy Guest - April 29, 2018 at 05:01 PM

Lucy Guest

“ *Lucy Guest sent a virtual gift in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



Lucy Guest - April 29, 2018 at 05:00 PM

Jane  
Ann  
Rhoten

“ *Jane Ann Rhoten lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Jane Ann Rhoten** - April 29, 2018 at 04:26 PM

GK

“ *Gayla Kinder lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Gayla Kinder** - April 29, 2018 at 02:47 PM

LR

“ *Larry & Jeanne Roebuck lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**larry & Jeanne Roebuck** - April 29, 2018 at 12:51 PM

LM

“ *Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Leo & Carla Marley** - April 29, 2018 at 09:05 AM

GF

“ George Fulbright lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy



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**George Fulbright** - April 29, 2018 at 06:56 AM

ND

“ Nolan & Lee Dunlap lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy



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**Nolan & Lee Dunlap** - April 29, 2018 at 06:41 AM

TM

“ Terry Martin lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy



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**Terry Martin** - April 28, 2018 at 11:56 PM

GL

“ So sorry to hear this. Ratman was a great veteran, friend, and customer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sincerely,  
Greg, Jenilynn, and Landon Lewis



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**Greg Lewis** - April 28, 2018 at 11:49 PM

CC

“ *Clint And Cristy Cook lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**clint and cristy cook** - April 28, 2018 at 09:18 PM

LC

“ *Larry And Rita Culwell lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Larry and Rita Culwell** - April 28, 2018 at 08:58 PM

HS

“ *Heather Carter Simpson lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Kennedy*



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**Heather Carter Simpson** - April 28, 2018 at 08:26 PM