



James Spiller

February 2, 1932 - October 10, 2011

[VIEW VIDEO TRIBUTE PAGE](#) James Madison Spiller, 79, of Jacksboro, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2011, at MD Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, Texas. The funeral memorial service will be celebrated at the First United Methodist Church of Jacksboro on Thursday, October 13th, at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Jacksboro. Visitation with the family will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 12th, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Jim was an attorney for 52 years, practicing with the firm of Spiller & Spiller in Jacksboro. He was also the owner of Spiller Abstract Company, the oldest family-owned service business in Jack County, formed in 1888 by his grandfather, Captain George Spiller, and later owned by his father, Kyle Spiller. Jim was also an oil and gas operator and a rancher. Jim was born on February 2, 1932, in Jacksboro, Texas, to Kyle and Lee Spiller. He graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Later, while stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, he met Mary Ellen Hutson. He and Mary were married on August 18, 1956. He later received Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from the University of Texas at Austin in 1959. Survivors include his wife, Mary Spiller, of Jacksboro; son, David Spiller and wife, Ginger of Jacksboro; daughter, Karen Forbis and husband, Chris, of Decatur; son, Scott Spiller and wife, Laura, of Jacksboro; grandsons, Mason, Reid, Drew and Kyle Spiller of Jacksboro, and Alex and Joel Forbis of Decatur; nieces, Linda Spiller Johnson

and Gayle Spiller Corrigan of Grand Prairie; and nephew, Kyle Spiller of Corpus Christi. He was predeceased by his brothers, George, Malcolm and Kyle Spiller. Jim was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Jacksboro, where he served as a long time Sunday School teacher for the Aldersgate Class. He was an Eagle Scout, and served for many years as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 111 of Jacksboro. He previously served as a Trustee of the Jacksboro ISD Board of Trustees. He also previously served as City Attorney for the City of Jacksboro. He was a past member of the Jaycees, and was a member of Lions Club and the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce. He was a cancer survivor of 24 years. The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 406 N. Main Street, Jacksboro, TX 76458; the Jacksboro Community Pool Project, P. O. Box 610, Jacksboro, TX 76458; or any charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Spiller*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *James Spiller*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

David - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you all during this difficult time. May God be with you and heal your hearts and you deal with the loss of your father, husband, & grandfather.*

Amber Garner Parks - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all during this time. Jim was a outstanding man in Jacksboro and will be missed by all.*

Richard & Linda McFarland - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Billy & Janice Pursley - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are given to the family in recognition of Jim and his tremendous legacy. We appreciate all that you've done over the years, particularly during our own recent loss. May our Savior's peace comfort you.*

In Christ,

Wade Gates, Jim Gates and Toni-Marie Yorty Gates

Wade Gates - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *I remember back when in High School, laying out on what was called Spiller's Dock, on Jacksboro lake, and Jim asking if anyone wanted to Ski, He would come by boat! Well, I really wanted to, and he was the one that taught me to ski on two, then kick one off! I will never forget that, and the fact that we were able, with friends, to stay at their place at PK. RIP Jim, I will never forget you!!! Mary, and Family, you are in my thoughts and Prayers!*

Carla Kinder - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *We will miss Uncle Jim. He always kept us laughing over one thing or another. We will miss his duct tape inventions and his mowing the lawn while we were on the beach!! May you all have peace knowing he touched many lives. We know that another party started in heaven when he arrived and saw the others there waiting! We love you Uncle Jim...*

Jarrel, Connie, Justin, and Peyton Tally - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Growing up, Mr. Spiller always set such a great example for us to follow.....a great parent, an ardent local supporter and an unselfish community leader. And of course, I can't leave out his crazy sense of humor. I'm very sorry for your loss. Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
Philip

Philip Fleming - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this time.

Larry & Leslie Holman Family - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jim was a great community leader and a loving family man. He will truly be missed by the entire community. We were blessed to have known him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike/Tina Ward - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Our thoughts are with the Spiller family as they mourn the loss of a kind and generous man. He was always so giving toward our family whether it be of his home, time, or kind smile. May he be in a more comfortable place now and may you be at comfort knowing we are thinking of you all. Our love and prayers ~

Neoma & Pack Gwaltney - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Jim Spiller was an outstanding individual and will be greatly missed. His greatest legacy is the wonderful family that he raised. Mendee and I send our love to Mary and the entire family.*

Allen Williamson - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *So sorry for your loss. The Spiller family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kelly Hensley - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Jim's death. He very capably served the legal needs of my family and me for three generations. We knew we could always depend on his advice given us. I'm thinking of and praying for the family.*

Lilly May West Bowen - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *You are in our prayers. We are all blessed for having known Mr. Spiller.*

Ken and Kristi Daws - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM