



## James Bunch

March 24, 2023

James Edward Bunch, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away on Friday, March 24, 2023. James was born on Jan. 9, 1959 in Dallas to Ernest and Cathy Bunch, both of whom preceded him in death along with his mother-in-law, Juanita Oats.

James graduated from Community High School in Nevada, TX and married the love of his life, Vicky Oats, on July 1, 1977. A few years after they married, James and Vicky settled in Terrell to raise their family in 1979. Their son, Clay, was born in 1982 and then came their daughter, Jenny, in 1987 making their family complete. James worked as a heavy machine mechanic with Dee Brown, Inc., for over 36 years after which he began driving for Daryl Thomason Trucking for another 10 years until his retirement. James' calm personality and insightful wisdom made him a favorite with both the longtime and the new drivers. His handle was "Wildcat" and his ability to get transports taken care of and on time was well known among the others drivers. When James was home from his job, he could be found hunting, fishing, or "helping" Vicky with her cooking as he added spices to get it tasting just right! In James younger years, he raced stock cars and he never lost the appreciation of a fast car as he enjoyed watching NASCAR racing later on. His favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt, Sr., but James was happy to watch any racing at any time. He also enjoyed spending time on the lake with his family swimming, tubing and making countless memories with loved ones and friends. Later in his life, he became a Pawpaw to Avery, Ellie and Jesse and their whole world

revolved around James as he played games and spent precious moments with them. A devoted husband and father who provided everything for his family as well as a fun loving grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, James will be greatly missed but never forgotten by all whose lives he touched.

James is survived by his wife of over 45 years, Vicky Bunch, of Terrell; son, Clay Bunch of Terrell; daughter, Jenny Cousins and husband, Grant, of Crandall; grandchildren: Avery Bunch, Ellie Cousins, and Jesse Bunch; sisters, Marcia Blevins of Brashear, TX and Paula Rodriguez and husband, Roy, of Winnsboro; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Denny Oats and wife, Alma, of Terrell, Gary Oats and wife, Ramona, of Wills Point, Ronald Oats and wife, Lila, of Elmo, Darlene Ward and husband, Ron, of Canton, Bobby Oats and wife, Brenda, of Elmo, Anna Warner and husband, Luke, of Grand Saline and Tami Wallace and husband, William, of Terrell as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, truck driver family and a host of friends, all of whom loved James dearly.

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm, Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Elmo Cemetery. His family will receive friends beginning at 1:00pm to service time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Elmo Cemetery Association, PO Box 150, Elmo, TX, 75118 or to First Baptist Terrell at [www.fbcterrell.org](http://www.fbcterrell.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Elmo Cemetery

CR 352  
Elmo, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell  
403 N. Catherine  
Terrell, TX 75160  
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

## Funeral Service

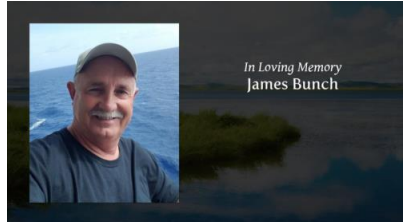
MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell  
403 N. Catherine  
Terrell, TX 75160  
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of James Bunch*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - April 06, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *James Bunch*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 28, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 07:28 PM

RS

“ *Ronnie & Sherry Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Bunch.*



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**Ronnie & Sherry Smith** - March 27, 2023 at 05:24 PM

DB

“ *James Bunch was a good man, husband, father and friend. He taught me a lot while I was working for him at DBI. I got to spend a lot of time with him while I was in Highschool at work and on our time off. While he was racing Hot Stock I would ride out to the races with him as much as I could. Watching him race was a treat. He had a passion for it. He was someone that I looked up to... someone that I respected and someone who could definitely make you laugh. I will always be able to hear him tell stories. He for sure had some good ones and the way he told them with the way he laughed and talked at the same time made them even better. I am better person for knowing James. It was an honor and a pleasure to have had him in my life. I will see you again my friend when God calls me home.  
Sincerely, David Barnes*

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**David Barnes** - March 27, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ 104 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 27, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Bunch.



March 27, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Josh, Michael & Jinny Marlow Oil Dist. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Bunch.



Josh, Michael & Jinny Marlow Oil Dist. - March 27, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Sue Farris lit a candle in memory of James Bunch*



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**Sue Farris** - March 27, 2023 at 02:12 PM



*Sending my love and prayers..*

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**Sue Farris** - March 27, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Charvelle Nugent lit a candle in memory of James Bunch*



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**Charvelle nugent** - March 27, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Vicky, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers ! Lupe and Martha*

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**Lupe** - March 27, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



March 27, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



March 27, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ *Prayers for comfort for you all. I pray you all feel God's big arms wrapped around you. Thinking of you all. Bobbi Byford*

**Bobbi Byford** - March 26, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Such a nice guy. Praying for family and friends as you go through the journey of laying him to rest.* 🙏🙏🙏



**Julie Young** - March 26, 2023 at 09:20 PM

SC

“ We have been so blessed to James and Vicki Bunch as neighbors. James will be greatly missed. Love and prayer for Vicki and the entire family. Sarah and Barbara

Sarah and Barbara Coffman - March 26, 2023 at 07:34 PM

CH

“ May our God of love be with Vicki & all of the family!! Sending our condolences , Charles, & Shirley Hoback, neighbors on Lexington.

Charles Hoback - March 26, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BB

“ Bonnie Bunch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Bunch.



Bonnie Bunch - March 26, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Bunch.



March 26, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KB

“Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.”  
Pam and Keith Bunch

Keith Bunch - March 26, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Bunch.*



March 26, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beverly Carrington Goff lit a candle in memory of James Bunch*



**Beverly Carrington Goff** - March 26, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Sharon Boyf lit a candle in memory of James Bunch*



**Sharon boyf** - March 26, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about James..I still remember when Betty Jo and I would come out to Texas steak and Grill and he would always be there helping out everyone..Vicki my prayers go out to you your daughter and son and family at this sad time..May the dear God above wrap his arms around each of you at this time with much .peace and comfort.RIP.James 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**Sharon boyf** - March 26, 2023 at 08:18 AM



*Vicky, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! James will be missed. 🙏*

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**Beth Wilder** - March 26, 2023 at 07:00 PM