



James Owen Leatherwood

December 19, 1928 - November 14, 2016

James O. "Jimmy" Leatherwood of Terrell died peacefully in his sleep at home November 14, 2016. He was born in the Dawson area of Navarro County, Texas on December 19, 1928 to the late Walter M. and Eva G. Smith Leatherwood. James was the third of eight children. Preceding him in death are his parents, sisters: Mary Love and Joan G. Moore and brothers: W.M. "Buddy" Leatherwood and Paul B. Leatherwood.

Jimmy was married to the late Teddy J. Humphrey Purkey Hunt in 1954 to which they had two sons: the late James Kirk Leatherwood and Kyle Layne Leatherwood and one step son Phillip Keith Purkey.

He attended the Bachelor School in the Poetry Community and Terrell Public Schools before joining the U.S. Navy at 18 and serving on the Dennis J. Buckley and Kenneth Bailey Destroyers. James worked 17 years at Van der Horst in Terrell, then for 12 years with Oil Well and he retired from the City of Lewisville Water Dept. after 11 years.

Surviving him are his son, Kyle Leatherwood and wife Veronica of Terrell; daughter-in-law, Millie Murray Leatherwood of Caldwell; step son, Keith Purkey of Terrell; former wife, Maxine Coombs Leatherwood of East Texas; siblings: Kelsy Leatherwood, Virginia DeLong and husband Tom of Terrell, and Brenda LeBlanc of Metairie, La.; grandchildren: Tessa and Randy Supak of Caldwell and Jeffrey and Stephanie Leatherwood of College Station; great grandchildren: Preston and Tatum Supak of Caldwell, Jackson and Sutton Leatherwood of College Station and Jeremy Leatherwood of Terrell; special

caregiver, Colin Sawyer as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and a host of friends. The family would like to thank Hospice of American Home Health for their care and encouragement during Jimmy's illness.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2016, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow with military honors at Highland Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 18, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
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Funeral Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Owen Leatherwood*

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“ *Such a great step dad , loved him very much my mom loved him too , even after their separation she never loved anyone else . Loved by my children also .*

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“ *so sad , sorry for your loss , very sorry my mom would be sad , she has dementia pretty bad so she would not understand ,she loved him ,regretted leaving himwe always loved him ,his grandkids loved him ! Step grands loved him ! Deepest condolences to you and the family ! Charlotte Paasch*

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