



## James Lehew

October 14, 1937 - August 22, 2021

\*\*\*The services will be Livestreamed on FBC Terrell Facebook page\*\*\*

<https://www.facebook.com/FBCTerrell/>

James Frank Lehew was born October 14, 1937 in Terrell, Texas to Dillon and Marie Lehew. He passed away at 2:44 am on August 22, 2021 with his children holding his hands and delivering him into the arms of Jesus. He fought a very courageous battle with COPD and emphysema for several years and fought very hard against covid and pneumonia that wreaked havoc on his lungs during the last days of his life. All of this was compounded when he lost his beloved wife Barbara just six days before his own death. He no longer had to worry about what would happen to her and he was peacefully able to let go and join her in Heaven.

James attended all twelve years of school in Terrell. He formed many friendships during those years and maintained some of those until his death. He was very athletic and lettered in multiple sports, including football, basketball and baseball, earning many honors for himself and Terrell High School. He received a full baseball scholarship to Oklahoma State University, but opted to attend Texas A&M University, where he joined the Corp of Cadets. He also served in the U.S. Army and the Texas National Guard where he formed more lifelong friendships.

On November 1, 1958 James joined the Dallas Fire Department, where he proudly served for 32 years, retiring on September 24, 1990 as a Captain. He

loved this career and the firefighters he was blessed to serve with. It was an honor for him to be able to serve the City of Dallas for so many years and to be able to rescue and assist so many citizens and their families. He always worked multiple jobs, including Western Auto and Tex Pack, because providing for his family was his utmost priority. He always put himself last and made sure Barbara, Scott and Nancy had all the things they needed. Upon his retirement, he got to work full-time on his cherished farm in Poetry, Texas where he lived until his death. He put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the farm and made it a wonderful home for 48 years.

In his latter years, he absolutely loved spending time with his grandchildren, Jaid, Zoe, Blythe and Braxton. He especially loved taking them for tractor rides in the pasture and teaching them to drive. He attended many of their sporting and school events and was so proud to watch them grow up. They kept him going these last few years as his health really began to fail. His eyes and face always lit up as soon as one of them entered the room.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, his parents and his step-father Orvel Lee Flanagan.

He is survived by his son, James Scott Lehew and his wife Lora and his daughter Nancy Lehew Bourland and her husband Billy Ray. He is also survived by his pride and joy, his four grandchildren: Jaid Elizabeth, Zoe Elizabeth, Blythe Jameson and Braxton Ross. He is also survived by his sister Leta Sue Howell Upshaw as well as a host of other relatives and many good friends.

His service, along with his wife Barbara's service, will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment at Oakland Memorial Park. Visitation for both James and his wife will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell.

The family strongly suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Krodle Memorial Foundation, at [www.krodlememorialfoundation.org](http://www.krodlememorialfoundation.org), a

foundation that is set up to assist firefighters' families after a Line of Duty Death (LODD) by providing scholarships to the children as well as assist in any way possible by Dallas Firefighter and Rescue or Local 58 Relief Fund 10956 Audelia Road Dallas, Tx 75248.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Lehew*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Mr. Lehew was instrumental in my formative years as an adult leader for our Boy Scout troop in Quinlan, Texas. He was always there to steer us in the right direction and to impart important life-long lessons. Mr. Lehew's influence and support helped me develop the confidence necessary to become a leader at an early age and to attain Eagle Scout. I was saddened to learn of his passing especially at the same time of his wife, Nancy. My condolences to their family and their son Scott, one of my childhood friends.*

Chris Leeds - December 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM



*\*correction Barbara Lehew was James' wife.*

Chris Leeds - December 03, 2021 at 01:11 PM

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“ I first met Mr. Lehew years ago, we lived at Union Valley and my son and I were on our way home on a very hot afternoon, Mr. Lehew was down the road and had been mowing at the trailer, I became concerned for him because he was just setting on the steps, I turned around to go back and see about him because it was so HOT, I told him I was on my way home and saw he was off the tractor and just setting, he told me he was just taking a break and assured me he hadn't got to hot and was okay and appreciated me stopping to check on him, several days later I got the sweetest card from Mrs. Lehew thanking me for taking the time to stop and check on him. I found out days later that Mrs. Lehew mother and my grandfather (G.L. Daniel) mother were sisters. I often would see them in passing and he always would speak or wave at me. I'm sure they will be missed and I know God called them home because one would not want to be left alone. May God Bless each one and hold on to those memories.

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**Donna Daniel Tapp** - September 10, 2021 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ I remember us fishing in my uncle's lake to catch bass to stock your pond. Great times, great memories. Our sympathies and thoughts are with you and your family. You were a good man. John Rickman

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**John Rickman** - September 09, 2021 at 10:27 PM

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“ James was a wonderful person, extremely principled (his moral compass always pointed straight up and down) and he was the very definition of the word “Neat-nik”.

You always new when you were passing his spread in Poetry because it was the best groomed place in the vicinity. I think he trained his cows to eat the grass down to the same height across the whole pasture.

I worked with James back when the Dallas Fire Department had a 10 district. I met him when I was a rookie and despite our age difference, we liked each other pretty well. After he retired, I would drive out to visit him a few times and we still enjoyed each other’s company.

James Lehew was a good man and I’m proud to have known him.

Vince Aloï

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Vince - September 09, 2021 at 10:18 PM



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



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September 09, 2021 at 12:35 PM