



## James Watford Jr.

September 12, 1948 - February 7, 2018

James Watford, Jr., of Terrell, passed away on the morning of Feb. 7, 2018 with family at his side. James was born September 12, 1948 in Mart, Texas to James, Sr., and Myrtle Watford, both of whom preceded him in death along with his sister, Frances “Cookie” Watford.

James grew up in the Hutchins area and attended Navarro College in Corsicana where he earned a AAS. His first job was working with his dad at their family business repairing hearing aids. After college he joined IBM as a service technician. Throughout his life, James worked various careers in sales & service, and electronic technology. He retired in 2011 from ST Microelectronics to spend more time with family. James and his beloved wife, Donna, met and became high school sweethearts and were inseparable throughout their lives. In 2005, they discovered their dream home in the country surroundings of the Poetry Community and together they took each day as a new opportunity to enjoy their children, grandchildren and the wonderful memories they were making. James had many interests in many activities especially the outdoors where he loved to hunt and fish. He also was an accomplished woodworker and had recently developed a knack for raising chickens. A man of many talents and interests (he even dealt Blackjack at a Native American Casino in Albuquerque!), James main interest was always to love his wife and his sons and grandchildren. Being the grandkids’ beloved “Papaw” made his life complete and they each knew that there wasn’t a day

that went by that they weren't loved completely by James. His heritage of true devotion to his family and his loyalty to his friends will be the legacy that his family continues to carry forward, proudly, for every future generation.

To celebrate his memory, James leaves his beloved wife of almost 50 years, Donna Watford of Terrell; sons: Brian Charles Watford and wife, Ashley, Jeff Scott Watford and wife, Kristie, all of Terrell; grandchildren: Ann Elise, Emily, Kailee, Jonathan, Savanna, River and Ezekiel Watford; great grandson: Oliver Hankinson; sister, Bettye Behrens and husband, Byron, as well as other extended family and a host of friends.

A celebration of James' life will be at 6:00pm, Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. For those wishing, memorials may be made to the Terrell State Hospital Volunteer Service Council at [www.tshvolunteercouncil.org](http://www.tshvolunteercouncil.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Watford Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Donna, It has been a year, but I just learned of James passing. James was my upper class-man friend especially at track meets. I don't know exactly what it was that made me like him. I can only guess that it was his caring and funny personality. I often think of the times at track meets hanging out with and James the rest of my teammates waiting our turn to do our event. There is one time I remember when we had a track meet at Ennis on a cold and dreary wet Saturday we spent our waiting time beside a small campfire under the concrete bleachers, everyone except me telling their stories. I was a freshman and totally enthralled by the stories James had to tell. Can't tell you what they were about, just that I was very interested.*

Jonathna Allen - March 17, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ *GFS TEXAS purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Watford Jr..*



GFS TEXAS - February 12, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ Donna and family,

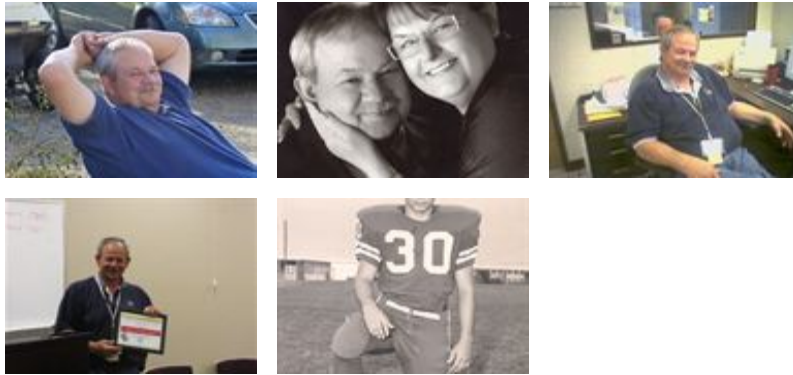
*I was very sad to hear the news of James passing. James was such a wonderful co-worker and good friend to everyone at ST. We depended on his broad knowledge in information technology, electrical work, and facilities management. We enjoyed his easy going personality and great sense of humor. He was such a great guy to just hang out with. We'll miss him very much.*

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**Paul Schultz** - February 12, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Watford Jr..*



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February 11, 2018 at 08:02 PM

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“ Love Janet, Kelli and Michael Acker purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Watford Jr..



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**Love Janet, Kelli and Michael Acker** - February 10, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Watford Jr..



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February 10, 2018 at 08:41 AM

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“ Brian, Donna and family,

*I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad/husband. I pray the Lord comforts you, and gives you peace that surpasses all understanding.*

*My condolences,  
Shawn Haggard*

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**Shawn Haggard** - February 08, 2018 at 06:37 PM



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



February 08, 2018 at 10:46 AM



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



February 08, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of James Watford Jr..*



February 08, 2018 at 08:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Ron Gast** - February 07, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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“ *James was certainly one of our best Computer Room Operators for many years. Sad to hear this news. RIP*

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**Gerald** - February 07, 2018 at 05:32 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Keith Gray** - February 07, 2018 at 03:31 PM