



James (Jim) Danklefs Jr.

March 11, 1948 - March 27, 2023

James (Jim) Theodore Danklefs Jr. of Georgetown, TX passed away on March 27th at the age of 75. He was born to the late Ted and Iris Danklefs on March 11, 1948 in El Campo, TX.

He is survived by his wife, Rita of Georgetown; son, Craig of Mansfield, TX; daughter, Dana of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Sadie and JT; sister Donna Kent and her husband Alan of Sugar Land, TX; and brother, Ken and his wife Janice of Garwood, TX; as well as many cousins and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Iris Danklefs; grandparents Otto and Sylvia Danklefs of Garwood, TX and Carson and Jewel Patterson of Marlin, TX.

Jim attended Garwood schools and then graduated from Sam Houston State University where he earned a bachelors in business administration. While at Sam Houston he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. After graduation he worked many decades in the auto industry with companies such as Gates Rubber, ATK and finally with Schaeffer Oil where he retired after 16 years with them in 2019.

Jim and Rita were married on Oct 20, 2000. They enjoyed eating at Austin area eateries, such as Jack Allen's Kitchen, and visiting the Texas Hill Country wineries.

Jim was very outgoing and never knew a stranger. Some of his passions were having the best yard in the neighborhood, growing a variety of plants, using his Traeger smoker and his love for the state of Texas.

A graveside service will be held at Lehrer Memorial Cemetery, 7233 SH 71, Garwood, TX 77442 on Saturday, May 6th at 10:30am. Please join the family after the services at Red Bluff Prairie Hunting Club, 414 Arthur Street, Garwood, Tx for fellowship and honoring Jim.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garwood Vol. Fire Department, PO Box 131, Garwood, TX 77442, Lehrer Memorial Cemetery Fund, PO Box 21, Garwood, TX 77442 and www.puppyfoodbank.com.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Lehrer Memorial Cemetery
Hwy 71 North
Garwood, TX 77442

Tribute Wall

GK

“ Dear Rita, on behalf of the members of the Sam Houston State University, Zeta Mu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, we will think of Jim often and remember him always. It saddened me very much to have to notify the National ATO Headquarters of Jim's passing in order for them to move Jim over to The Chapter Eternal list. We pray you and his family will have God's blessings and peace. Yours, with love and respect. Gordon Koenig

Gordon Koenig - April 11, 2023 at 12:32 AM

AA

“ So sorry to see this I was friends with Jim on FB we always talked about the old days! He was so happy in his new home. God Bless his family . Angie Allen

Angie Allen - April 09, 2023 at 09:49 AM

FF

“ Ferguson Waterworks SPC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James (Jim) Danklefs Jr..



Ferguson Waterworks SPC Family - April 05, 2023 at 09:26 AM

RU

“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Have some really fun memories of Jim in high school, I know you will miss his bubbling personality and great wit. With sympathy,. Ruth Zboril

Ruth - April 03, 2023 at 10:43 AM

CT

“ Carol Z. Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of James (Jim) Danklefs Jr.



Carol Z. Tomlinson - April 02, 2023 at 06:53 PM

BH

“ Great lifetime friend. Many wonderful memories. I will miss his emails and texts

Billy Hefner - April 01, 2023 at 02:50 PM

SJ

“ We never met in person , but I met your fine son, Craig, when my stepson, Robert Danklefs was having surgery. We were friends on Facebook as I used to be a Danklefs and I always enjoyed your posts about your beautiful yard. May you rest in peace 🙏❤️🌸



Shirley Johnson - March 31, 2023 at 04:57 PM

HC

“ Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of James (Jim) Danklefs Jr.



Holly Waligura Class - March 31, 2023 at 04:21 PM

GH

My condolences to the Danklef family

Gerald Hurd - March 31, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TW

My condolences to Rita and the extended Danklefs family. I met Jim in the fall of 1966 as a Freshman at Sam Houston State University. He was my cousin's roommate. Over the years, Jim and I have stayed in touch, as have most of his longtime friends. We, both, had similar medical issues.

Terry Woods - April 04, 2023 at 12:07 PM

MD

*My condolences to the family. Jim and I met at Sam Houston State.
Mike Daniel*

Mike Daniel - April 15, 2023 at 01:27 PM