



## James Edward Porter

June 16, 1931 - June 16, 2011

James Edward Porter, 80 of El Campo, passed away on June 16, 2011. He was born on August 29, 1930 in Luling to the late John Vernon and Lois Pruett Porter.

He graduated from the San Marcos Baptist Academy, married Jo Ann Clay on September 22, 1951 and moved to El Campo to work for Johnny Fergusson. In 1957, he began a 34 year career with Baker Oil Tools. He started as a toolman and retired in 1991 as a regional sales manager moving from Lafayette, Louisiana to El Campo. He served in the National Guard and was a Mason.

James enjoyed hunting, loved animals and his beloved feline friends Tootsie and Tiger, and could watch football on TV for hours. His family was very important to him and most precious was his wife.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jo Ann Clay Porter of El Campo; daughters Renee Hailey of Sugar Land and Rita Novosad of Tomball; grandchildren Travis Hailey, III and wife Shelley of Cedar Park, Scott Hailey of Sugar Land, and Jason Novosad and Chelsea Novosad of Tomball. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by aunt and uncle Iva and Chet Porter, with whom he spent most of his free time growing up on their ranch in Junction.

Visitation will begin on Friday at 1 pm with the family receiving visitors from 6 pm until 8 pm at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Triska Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Lane officiating. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery. Pallbearers are Travis Hailey, Travis Hailey, III, Scott Hailey, Dennis Novosad, Jason Novosad and Tom Porter.

Should you wish to honor his love of animals, please make a donation in his name to El Campo Animal Shelter, c/o El Campo Police Department, 303 E. Jackson, El Campo, TX 77437.