



## James Carl Hopkins Jr.

December 13, 1938 - October 9, 2023

James Carl Hopkins was born in Taylor, Texas, on December 13, 1938. The eldest of four in the James and Carla Hopkins' family, James Jr., who was also called Carl, spent his early years in Raccoon Bend and Bellville, graduating from Bellville High School in 1957. After serving in the U.S. Army, James returned to Bellville to marry his high school sweetheart and best friend, Gloria Stuessel. They made their home in Rosenberg, with James working at Reed Tool Company during the day and attending the University of Houston at night. He graduated with a degree in accounting and shortly thereafter became a Certified Public Accountant.

After his years with Reed Tool and Creole in Houston, James started a C.P.A. practice in Rosenberg. Together with Gloria, they worked nights and weekends from home, using the kitchen table as their office. Within a few years, the business was thriving. The firm continued to grow for over twenty-five years, with James providing tax services and consulting to businesses and families nationwide.

From an early age, James felt called to serve his community. He actively participated in the Rose-Rich Jaycees, Sons of Hermann, American Legion, and Rosenberg Brethren Church, and proudly served on a variety of boards and advisory councils, including Rosenberg City Council, where he dedicated himself to his constituents for over twenty years.

James retired to devote his attention to Gloria's care when she became ill. They were married for forty-nine years and six months, until her passing in 2010. During those years, the family expanded to welcome four grandchildren, and James went from "Dad" to "Dandy" (the name given to him by his grandson).

James was a voracious reader, loved puzzles, watching any sports game, working in his yard, barbecuing, playing dominos, and - most of all - spending time with his family.

James is survived by his daughter, Catherine Engelbrecht; son, James Hopkins and his wife, Vy; grandchildren, William Engelbrecht, Elizabeth Engelbrecht, Catherine Reese Hopkins, Madeline Hopkins; Josephina Haro, who worked with the Hopkins family as a caregiver for over twenty years; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Friends are cordially invited to a memorial service for James at ten o'clock in the morning on Monday, October 16, at Community Christian Church (formerly Rosenberg Brethren Church), 5220 Reading Road in Rosenberg.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.(Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Church  
5220 Reading Road  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Tribute Wall



*“ I worked for Carl for many years, he was a great boss. My deepest sympathy for his family. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Shirley Todd Hlavaty** - October 16, 2023 at 11:46 AM



*“ I served with Carl for 8 years on the Rosenberg Image Committee. I thoght we was a great guy. He will be deeply missed!*

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**William Benton** - October 15, 2023 at 11:48 PM



*“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Carl Hopkins Jr..*

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October 12, 2023 at 09:02 PM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Carl Hopkins Jr..*



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October 12, 2023 at 09:02 PM