

## Obituary

### JAMES EUGENE GOETZMAN

June 13, 1952 - April 19, 2019

#### BIOGRAPHY



James Eugene Goetzman entered the world on June 13, 1952 in Houston, Texas and passed away April 19, 2019 in Houston, Texas. James was a graduate of Spring Branch High School in 1971 and graduated from Houston Community College. After meeting his wife, he moved to the Addicks area. He resided there until 2008, when he retired to Sealy, Texas.

James was a Houston Fireman for 32 ½ years. During his time in the fire department, James was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served for two years. He also was a diesel mechanic and worked on many pieces of diesel equipment around the Katy area.

He was also a huge advocate of agriculture and much of his volunteer work was to provide agriculture awareness. James joined the Salt Grass Trail Ride in 1974, and served various rolls with the ride, including Trail Boss 2003-2005. He was also a lifetime committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. For around 15 years, James was a constant fixture of the Mayde Creek FFA helping kids with their livestock projects, cooking briskets for fundraisers, cleaning pens and helping build barns. He was named an Honoree Member of the Mayde Creek FFA. Also in 2016, James became an Honoree Member of the Tejas Vaqueros after attending Trek for many years.

James was survived by his wife of 42 years, Jerilu Bone Goetzman of Sealy, daughter, Jennifer Hirsch and Husband Geneo of Richmond, daughter, Julie Goetzman of Sealy, granddaughters, Cheyenne Hirsch of Flatonia and Taylor Hirsch of Richmond. He is also survived by brother, Lawrence Goetzman of Houston and family, brother, Jerry Goetzman of East Texas and family, Bobby Goetzman of Smithville and family; brother-in-law James Robert (Jim) Bone Jr, of Valdosta, Georgia and family, brother-in-law George William (Bill) Bone of Cat Spring and family and Mary Virginia (Ginger) Watts of Marble Falls and Family.

James is preceded in death by his father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to:

The Chad Thames Memorial Scholarship

In Memory of James Goetzman

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