



## In Remembrance



### **James Boyd Riddles** 1946 - 2012

**J**ames Boyd Riddles, son of Texas Ranger James E. Riddles, was born in Lubbock, Texas on December 24, 1946. A resident of Elgin, Texas, Mr. Riddles died in Round Rock, Texas on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

While attending Southwest Texas State University, Mr. Riddles married his high school sweetheart, the late Carolyn Sue Riddles on August 17, 1968 in Austin, Texas. Mr. Riddles graduated from SWT with a BS in Industrial Arts in 1971 and subsequently relocated to Harlingen, Texas, where he began his career with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. In 1972 Mr. Riddles was drafted into the U.S. Army and was Honorably Discharged in 1973. With the exception of his time in the Army, Mr. Riddles career with MHMR spanned 1971 through 1995 and included residency in Harlingen, Bryan and Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Riddles was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Abilene and was currently a member of the Mina Masonic Lodge #1456 in Bastrop. Mr. Riddles received a Masters of Social Services Administration from Abilene Christian University in 1995. In 1996, Mr. Riddles and his family relocated to Elgin, Texas, where he managed a family farm and taught Industrial Technology at Elgin Middle School until his retirement in 2010.

Mr. Riddles was a spontaneous person who had a passion for life, loved his family and dogs, strived for knowledge and had specific interests in anything mechanical or historical. As a widower, Mr. Riddles married Joyce Gustafson on January 18, 2007 in Elgin, Texas. Mr. Riddles is survived by his wife, Joyce Riddles; his son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Sara D. Riddles, their children Sally and Connor Riddles; his daughter, Carolyn A. Riddles and her partner, Daniel Pierce; his step-daughter Cheri and husband Dale Kemnitz and three step-grandchildren.

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