



James Hooser

February 15, 1931 - July 10, 2017

James Ernest Hooser, 86, of Frost passed away July 10, 2017. He was born February 15, 1931, to Ernest and Anne Faye Hooser in Frost, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Gwynne Hooser McCormick, and wife of 46 years, Kay Hammonds Hooser.

He is survived by his wife, Kyra Kelley Hooser; his two children and their spouses, James and Lisa Hooser of Corsicana and Will and Ann Hooser Adamson of Longview; and Kyra's children, Jimmy McAdams and Candace McAdams Pugatch and her husband Eric Pugatch. He is also survived by grandchildren Carly Hooser, Sam Hooser, Andrew Adamson, Caroline Adamson, Adrian McAdams, Parker Pugatch, and Emma Pugatch. He also leaves behind numerous beloved nieces and nephews as well as many devoted life-long employees and their families.

After graduating Frost High School in 1948, he attended Navarro College where he was part of the first group of students known as the Barracks Bunch. From there he went on to Texas A & M and Sam Houston State University, where he graduated in 1956 with a degree in Agriculture Education. He served in the U. S. Army from 1953-55.

After graduation he returned to Frost to run the family farm, which began in

the 1880s. He started farming with two hard-tail mules and a one-row plow and remained in operation through auto-steer tractors and satellite imagery.

Jimmy's heart for service was evident in his community involvement. He was a member of the Frost City Council for 44 years and a deacon of the Frost Baptist Church. In recognition of his 18 years of service on the Navarro College Board of Trustees, a student dormitory, Jimmy Hooser Hall, was named in his honor. He was also on the board of directors for the Federal Land Bank Association in Corsicana for 20 years.

Jimmy brought his passion for farming to the community he loved and served. He was an active member of the Navarro County Extension Program for over 30 years and was a supporter and buyer in the Navarro County Youth Exposition for over 50 years. Along with Dr. Ray Dean Carroll, they donated calves for the first Youth Expo Sale Dinner and BBQ in 1976. His involvement encouraged generations of Hooser participation in the NYCE.

Jimmy was most passionate about three things: Farming, Frost and Family. His lifelong love for farming brought him tremendous joy and pride, and it inspired the next generation of farmers. He tended to his beloved hometown of Frost with the same care he used to tend to his crops and cattle—often advocating to have cemetery weeds and grass mowed, and potholes paved. But the cornerstone of his life was family. He loved being "Pops" to his grandchildren and was so proud of what his children had become. His love, hard work ethic, and strong values will live on in the family he cherished and the land he loved for generations to come.

Visitation will be held Monday, July 17, 2017, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home from 6-8 PM in Corsicana. Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 11 AM at Frost High School Performing Arts Center. Interment will follow at Frost Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Frost Cemetery at P.O. Box 178 Frost, TX 76641, the Frost Food Pantry, 217 N. Garitty St., Frost, TX 76641, and/or Frost Baptist Church 101 E. Stroud St. Frost, TX 76641

An online guest book is available at www.griffin-rougton.com.

Cemetery Details

Frost Cemetery

FM 667 and HWY 22
Frost, TX 76641

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Frost ISD
208 N wyrick St
Frost, TX 76641

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James Hooser



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 17, 2017 at 12:40 PM



“ James Hooser

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ James you were always the same no matter what you were doing. When my Dad, HB Ransom and I, Tommy Ransom stopped by the Farm shed you would come greet us and I always enjoyed riding your horse. Your son James and I kind of grew up together, but attended different schools. I went to Italy High School and he went to Frost High. With a heart as great as yours, you are most definitely in Heaven. We all loved you and will miss that smile.



Tommy Ransom/ son of HB Ransom Sr. - August 24, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, he was a fine gentleman, he will truly be missed. Burl and Nancy

Burl Phelan - July 18, 2017 at 10:47 AM

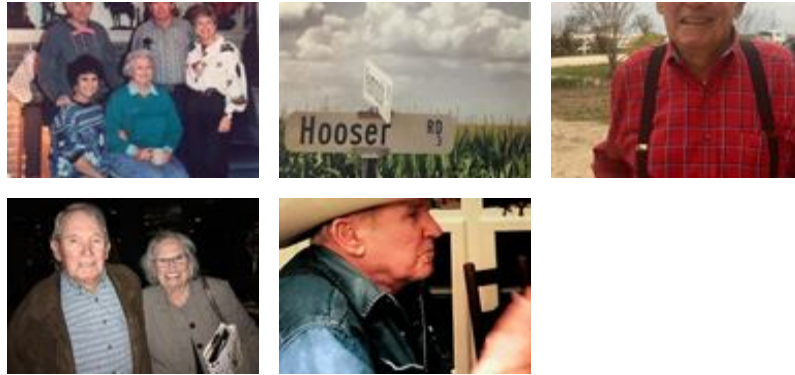
AW

“ So sorry for your loss. I wish I was able to meet Jimmy. I hope to be able to attend the funeral and meet some of the family. I am a distant relative. I am the great great grand daughter of Sam's brother, William Bedney ("Bed") Hooser, Sr. Donald Bedney Hooser, Sr. (my grandfather) grew up in Frost and also went to Texas A&M. I think my great grandparents (etc) are buried at the cemetery in Frost. ~Amy (Hooser) Wuerfel

Amy Wuerfel - July 18, 2017 at 02:50 AM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - July 17, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Hooser.



July 17, 2017 at 03:49 AM

BH

“ Was blessed to have met James Hooser and his family. It was truly an honor to care for such a wonderful man.

Brittany Hill - July 16, 2017 at 08:56 PM

LB

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of this wonderful man. It was our pleasure to know him during our time in Frost, TX. The Gerald Burch family.

Lucille Burch - July 15, 2017 at 09:43 PM

AP

“ Prayer for The Hooser Family during this time
In Our Thoughts and Prayers
The Padilla's Albert Marta Angela



Angela D. Padilla - July 15, 2017 at 06:28 PM

FL

“ Prayers to the family Jimmy was a super person he always made you feel good about yourself. And always treated everybody equal

Freddie lane&Melinda lane - July 13, 2017 at 08:14 PM

FL

“ Freddie Lane&Melinda Lane lit a candle in memory of James Hooser



Freddie lane&Melinda lane - July 13, 2017 at 08:09 PM

CJ

“ Praying for the family with much love in Christ Jesus!!!!
Cedric and Cilkay Jessie

Cilkay Jessie - July 12, 2017 at 10:39 PM

GP

“ James and family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. James I always thought a lot of your dad. One of the kindest and friendliest man I have ever known. He will be missed.

George Page - July 12, 2017 at 06:16 PM

TL

“ My first memories of Jimmy are from the youth expo when I was an exhibitor. In later years as a volunteer and when I was fortunate enough to serve as auctioneer, Jimmy was always around supporting the youth of our county. He always had a smile on his face and kind words of encouragement to everyone he encountered. The world is a better place because of great men like Jimmy. I will miss him.

Tom Lester - July 12, 2017 at 05:10 PM

JC

“ Back many years ago Jimmy and Jackie saw each other a lot . He was always getting Jackie to do all his welding on his equip., and he built him several cotton trailers. God Bless the family who lost their loved one. Jackie and Donna Cate



Jackie/ Donna Cate - July 12, 2017 at 12:13 PM

GY

“ I first met Jimmy when Don and Wanda owned the cafe. He was one of my favorite "coffee drinkers " .
A good man, always had a smile and hello for everyone. He will be missed.

George Young - July 12, 2017 at 10:28 AM

MK

“ Jimmy was a good man always had a smile on his face RIP Jimmy.

Mike Kimmons - July 12, 2017 at 06:14 AM

MH

“ Hooser Family,
We were sorry to hear about Mr. Hooser. He was a special man to my parents from Navarro Jr College Barrack's Days. Our daughter lived in a dorm named after him. And we have been blessed in more recent years by getting to know his son and family. May God wrap His loving arms around each one of you during this time and in the days ahead. With our love and prayers,
Debby and Mike Hill

Mike and Debby Hill - July 11, 2017 at 02:34 PM