



James "Jimmy" Edward Compton

September 6, 1948 - September 3, 2023

James (Jimmy) Edward Compton went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

Jim was born on September 6, 1948. He grew up in Terrell, Texas as the only child of James (Jim) Harlin and Noleta (Nita) Hardie Compton. In the 1950's the family moved to Corsicana where Jim spent the rest of his life. He was a 1967 graduate of Corsicana High School where he was the lead (Conrad Birdie) in the first musical, Bye, Bye Birdie, that was directed by Rodney Haedge in 1966. He was a founding member of the local rock-n-roll band, THE BASSMEN, that played area dances from 1964-67, when the band dispersed due to the members heading off to different colleges. The Bassmen reassembled in the 80's to once again play for class reunions and other dances in the area.

Jim began working at Navarro County Memorial Hospital after high school graduation in the Pharmacy Department as a technician and upon completion of his Pharmacy Degree from the University of Texas he was hired as a staff pharmacist and remained that position until his retirement in 2014. During the Vietnam War, he served in the Texas National Guard from 1972-1977.

Jim met his wife, Karen, while they both worked at NCMH. They were married on July 20, 1974, and made their home in Corsicana, where they raised their only child, Ellen. Jim was an active member of First Methodist Church from the time he moved to Corsicana as a child until his passing. He and Karen could be found scouring antique stores near and far in their spare time. Jim

was an avid reader, furniture restorer, jack-of-all-trades, and part time rancher. He had a deep love for God, his family, and Texas.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Nita Compton. Jim and Nita were educators for over 50 years. Before WWII, they taught at Emhouse and after the war, they taught in Terrell and Corsicana. Jim was the first principal of the "new" Collins Junior High from its opening until his retirement, and Nita taught at all CISD elementary schools at one time or another.

Jim is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen Pearson Compton; daughter Ellen Compton Carter, son-in-law Charles H. Carter and grandchildren Emmalee Grace Carter and James Harley Carter of Mabank. He is also survived by cousins, Marcie Bishop of Dallas, James Hardie of Austin and Ed Hardie of Round Rock.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 15th from 5-7pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 1:00pm Saturday, September 16th at First Methodist Church of Corsicana. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers are family Charles Carter, James Carter, and Ed Hardie, and dear friends Cliff Smith, James Smith, Kim Wyatt, Jack Lester, Matt Derden, James Crow, and his grandson of the heart Cole Jeffs.

In lieu of flowers, donations to First Methodist Church Music program or the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

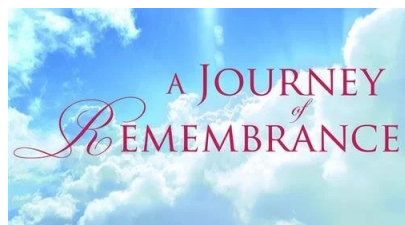
First Methodist Church
320 N 15th Ave
Corsicana, TX 75110

Rev. Mike Kerzee and Rev. Jerod Casey officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jimmy" Edward Compton*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 13, 2023 at 10:52 AM



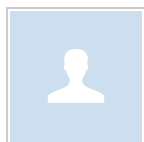
“ *James "Jimmy" Edward Compton*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing.
Corsicana High School was more fun with talented folks like him.
May all who loved him know Our Lord's strength
and peace that passes all understanding...
Remembering you,
Guy and Ailsa (CHS '66)*

Anderson - September 26, 2023 at 02:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
James "Jimmy" Edward Compton.*



September 15, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Compton.



September 15, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Compton.



September 15, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 12, 2023 at 06:21 PM

HB

“ *Very talented and funny. The real Bass of the BASSMEN. I enjoyed knowing him with his adventurous ideas. Wild times in that '66 Chevelle!*

*Respectfully,
Howard Brewer*

Howard Brewer - September 11, 2023 at 02:08 PM

DT

I am James Greers Nephew.... Danny Thomas....Where can I began??? James and Jimmy were best friends and, in the Band, The Bassmen, Soul Incorporated... when James played Lead and Vocals and JC played Bass and Vocals.....In 1966 they bought my mother's (James' Big Sister) 1955 Chevy Bel Aire and turned it into a Dragster "The Dragon Wagon" all the Races at Yellow Belly Raceway, Prairie Hill Raceway....and all they Trophies they won! Because I grew up with James, in his parents' home, my Grandparents.... I was called "Little Greer" I was always with them and their adventures in the Back seat of James Chevy SS Impala.... Guns, Race Cars and Rock and Roll! Jim was like another uncle to me, and I Will miss him and James along with their antics and Friendship together! They were both a part of my Life and I am a better person for having known ..." COFFEY!!!!!" Thank you, God for my Childhood with Wonderful Role Models as Jimmy & James and their Blue Flames!! See you Both someday soon!! : pray: 🙏

Danny Thomas - September 13, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Compton.*



September 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM

BF

“ Prayers for the family of Jimmy Compton. May God comfort you at this time. Corsicana High School Class of 67

Beverly J Fitzgerald - September 04, 2023 at 07:30 PM