



James "Harold" Massey

November 10, 1936 - May 8, 2026

James Harold Massey, 89 of Fairfield passed away peacefully at home on May 8, 2026, in Fairfield, Texas. He was born on November 10, 1936, to John Thomas Massey and Letha Mae Brunson Massey in Winkler, Texas. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Fairfield, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his father John Massey, mother, Letha Massey Davis, stepfather Coleman Davis, brothers H.L. Massey, R.E. Massey and Johnny B Massey, sisters Mable Massey Anderson, Mary Massey Robinson and Freddie Massey Finley, and son-in-law Bob Rikard.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gynne Thornton Massey of Fairfield, TX, daughter Diane Massey Fryer (Hubie) of Fairfield, TX, Lou Ann Massey Humphries (Karl) of Corsicana, TX, daughter Cynthia Allen Rikard of Fairfield, TX, sons Leslee Allen (Jodi) of Itasca, TX and Paul Allen of Fairfield, TX. Thru their 49 years of marriage and blended families they were blessed with 13 grandchildren – Rachel Carney Rhyne (Chad), Jennifer Morris Felton, Chris Humphries (Sydnee), Brandy Humphries Hurford (Mike), Jeff Fryer (Megan) Ben Rikard, Jon Rikard, Andrew Rikard, Nathan Rikard (Sara), Zackary Rikard, Aaron Allen (Emily), Tyler Allen (Alexis) and Sara Allen Jones (Justin). Their blessings continued with 14 great grandchildren – Baylee, Chloe, Conlee, Tucker, Evan, Brooks, Gemma, Macon, Kegan, Ivy, Gideon, Jude, Sullivan, Edith. Maverick, Evan and 2 great-great grandchildren - Braylen and

Alayna. He is survived by stepbrother Larry Davis (Verita); stepsister Jeanette Davis LaFrentz (Ralph); numerous "Favorite" nieces, nephews and extended family members; special friends Cameron Perry (Christina, Christian and Nadiyahana); brother in-law Don Thornton (Lorraine) and sister in-law Shirley Calhoun.

Harold loved being a rancher and cattleman for approximately 55 years before he retired in 2020. He shared this love of ranching with Grady Foree whom Harold came to think of as another son and brother to his children.

Visitation and service will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1-2pm visitation and 2-3pm service at First Baptist Church of Fairfield.

Burial will follow at St. Elmo Cemetery in Winkler, TX.

Pallbearers will be Chris Humphries, Ben Rikard, Andrew Rikard, Jon Rikard, Nathan Rikard, Aaron Allen.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Grady Foree, Jeff Fryer, Tyler Allen, Zachary Rikard, and Cameron Perry.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: The Commercial Heifer Program of the Freestone County Fair and Rodeo. For details on how to donate, please contact Diane Massey Fryer (254-715-6173).

Cemetery Details

St. Elmo Cemetery

581 Farm to Market 416
Streetman, TX 75859

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
303 S Mount
Fairfield, TX 75840

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Fairfield, TX 75840

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our condolences, love and prayers to your family.*

Terry and Rhonda Knight

Rhonda - May 12 at 01:08 PM

RH

“ *Rhonda lit a candle in memory of James Massey*



Rhonda - May 12 at 01:07 PM

DD

“ *Oh guys, I am so so sorry for your loss. Bretto and I know this loss so well. You girls have taken such good care of your Daddy no doubt. What a long, wonderful life he has had. We are never ready to give them up, but God decided it was time to bring him to his eternal home. Time is the only thing that helps heal this pain. Keep all those memories close to your heart and know he is always with you. Love and Prayers to you all... Love Bretto and Diane*



DIANE DOUGLAS - May 12 at 09:16 AM

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“ I have known Harold and his family my entire life. I was raised in Winkler. Ms. Letha was my neighbor and a lifelong friend. I knew Harold, his brothers and sisters, his children, his nieces and nephews. What a wonderful family! You are all in my prayers. "In my father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you so that where I am you may be also." We have victory in Jesus. May you feel God's everlasting arms around you. We will all miss Harold.
Bobbie Fondren

Bobbie Fondren - May 11 at 11:10 PM

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“ Swany, Gary and your Hub Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James "Harold" Massey.



Swany, Gary and your Hub Team - May 11 at 01:47 PM

DE

“ Dr. & Mrs. Kevin L. Estes purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of James "Harold" Massey.



Dr. & Mrs. Kevin L. Estes - May 11 at 01:21 PM

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“ Dr. & Mrs. Kevin L. Estes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Harold" Massey.

Dr. & Mrs. Kevin L. Estes - May 11 at 01:21 PM