



Jimmy Lee Prater

November 1, 1947 - April 8, 2026

Jimmy Lee “Jimbo” Prater, of Corsicana, Texas, passed away on April 8, 2026, at Kerens Care Center. He was born on November 1, 1947, in Corsicana to Frenchie Denn Prater and Woodrow Wilson “Blackie” Prater.

Jimbo grew up in Corsicana and attended Corsicana High School, where he played football under Coach Jim Acree. Known for his toughness and determination, he was a defensive end on the 1965 AAAA State Quarterfinalist team. He graduated in 1966 and later attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

On June 21, 1969, he married his longtime sweetheart, Judith (Judi) Breithaupt. Together, they built a life centered on family, hard work, and shared values. Jimbo also proudly served in the Texas National Guard as a paratrooper.

A skilled craftsman, Jimbo was a master carpenter who spent decades working in the family business, Prater Builders. He took great pride in his work and was known for his strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Jimbo was an easygoing man who loved the outdoors and enjoyed the simple things in life, especially hunting and fishing. Each year at the opening of deer season, you could find him at the deer lease alongside his dad, brother,

nephew, and great-nephew, a tradition that reflected his deep love for family and time spent together.

He will be remembered for his steady presence, quiet strength, and dedication to his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Harold Prater; his beloved wife, Judi Prater; and his son, Kenneth Allen Prater.

He is survived by his nephew, Hal Prater (Leslie); his niece, Diane Prater Davis (Alex); and his great-nieces and nephews, Wil Prater, Brannon Ferguson, and Brooke Phillips.

Jimbo's life was one of loyalty, hard work, and love for those closest to him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Corsicana Animal Shelter or the Wounded Warrior Project.

No public service is planned as was his request. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
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Tribute Wall

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“ Am so very sad to read of Jimmy's passing. He was such an upbeat pleasant young man and when I saw him at CHS reunions, I always enjoyed visiting with him. He and Judy are special people whom I was blessed to know.

May all who love and mourn them, know that peace that passeth understanding.

Guy & Ailsa, CHS '66

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“ Great cabinet builder and sweet person

Janet Watson - April 14 at 02:58 PM

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“ I met Jim at Heritage Oaks Assisted-Living. Jim was a quiet and very kind person. Jim was always willing to help when help was needed.

RIP Jim

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