



James Albert Tompkins

September 30, 1943 - January 19, 2025

James Albert Tompkins, 81, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 19, 2025. Known for his love of football, baseball, music, and the occasional well-timed rib poke, James was the kind of person who never met a stranger-and if he did, they didn't stay one for long.

Born on September 30, 1943, James graduated from Chillicothe High School in 1962, where he proudly donned a football jersey and track uniform. Soon after, he moved to Midland, where he worked at Drillco for 20 years, played baseball for their company team, and eventually settled into a career at Marco Steel and Trident, retiring after more than a decade of dedicated service.

When he wasn't working, James was strumming his guitar with bands across Midland, Odessa, and New Mexico, most recently as a member of "Insufficient Funds." A lifelong Cowboys fan, he cheered for his team with the same enthusiasm he brought to life's every moment.

He is survived by his loving wife, Faye; his sister, Brenda McClellan; his niece, Kathy McClellan; sister-in-law JoAnn Farris (Ross); his best friends, Mike and Sharon Hughes; his treasured Pomeranian, Cinder; and his "stepdog", Amy Britt.

Preceding him in death are his parents, James and Mildred Tompkins, and his

four beloved step-children, Janie Lynn Britt, Ray Don Britt, Donice Britt, and Brenda Sue Britt.

James lived with joy, humor, and an uncanny knack for brightening anyone's day. He'll be remembered with a smile-and perhaps a good-natured poke.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 6-8 PM at American Heritage Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held in Chillicothe, Texas at Chillicothe Cemetery on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Just found out this today. So sad, I'll miss you my friend.
Condolences to your family*

Denver Nelms - March 19, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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“ *Freddy Glynn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Albert Tompkins.*



Freddy Glynn - January 22, 2025 at 04:32 PM