



## James Thomas Weaver Jr.

July 13, 1956 - August 26, 2017

James Thomas Weaver, Jr., was born July 13, 1956, in Odessa, TX, to J.T. and Barbara Stroud Weaver, Sr. He grew up in Rankin, TX. Jim attended college at Angelo State University, Odessa College, and A&M Electronics School. On March 9, 1985, he married Kathryn Monreen Smith in Odessa, TX. He was called home August 26, 2017, at the age of 61, after living with diabetes since he was 7, MS, and kidney disease. Jim made his living as a cowboy, gun shop owner, concealed handgun instructor, and independent truck driver.

Family was especially important to Jim. Even though he had no children, he loved kids and cherished a special bond with his nephew, Keith Johnson, Jr., from the day he was born. When Lauren came along, Jim was beside himself with pride. Now there were two to spoil! Jim was in hog heaven when the next generation came along! He adored all the "greats" and enjoyed playing with them when they could get together.

Jim loved God's great outdoors and was content being a part of it. He was happiest on horseback, cowboying, or on the gun range where, if he had it in his sights, he hit it. Jim was a Texas boy through and through. He loved traveling-in TEXAS. Many vacations were spent following the trails of Texas. He especially loved the wide open spaces of west Texas and the area around Henderson where his family homesteaded from 1836.

Jim is preceded in death by his father, a nephew, Christopher, and a niece, Alyssa. Jim is survived by his wife, mother, sister Bobbie, and her husband Keith Johnson, Sr., nephew Keith Johnson, Jr. and wife Misty, niece Lauren and husband James Kent, 4 great-nieces and nephews, and one great, great nephew, an aunt, Evelyn Green, and numerous cousins and friends, as well as his "brother from another mother", Michael.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to American Kidney Fund, Diabetes Action Research and Education Foundation, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A memorial service will be held September 23, 2017 at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1415 N. Grandview in Odessa, 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating.