

James Earl Autrey

July 20, 1939 - July 9, 2025

James Earl Autrey, born July 20, 1939, in Woodson, Texas to parents James Eugene Autrey and Susie Marie Morris, passed away at his home in Iredell, Texas on July 9, 2025 at the age of 85. He married Neva Joyce Carlisle on June 30, 1957 in Sweetwater, Texas. They recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary.

James Earl moved his family to Hico in 1963 when he went to work for the Katy Railroad. Years later he went to work for H. B. Zachary Construction Company in the Power Division, constructing power plants across the United States. He retired from that company as a Superintendent after 29 years. James Earl loved to vacation in the mountains of Colorado and made many trips there with his family throughout the years. He was passionate about sports, to say the least. He was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers and Texas Tech University. He attended as many high school athletic events as he could in the surrounding communities wherever he lived. He was a member of the Hico Booster Club when his children were in school and the Yorktown Booster Club when his family moved there. He played fast pitch softball, out-siders basketball, and competed in a bowling league for many years. Most of all, he loved his family. He enjoyed family reunions, all family gatherings, and family trips. There was always a lot of laughter and love at those gatherings and he could definitely put a smile on your face. He will be greatly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

James Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, William and Maggie Autrey, brother, Emmett Autrey, sister, Golda Evers, and his daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and David Stehling.

He is survived by his wife, Neva Autrey; his daughters, Deborah McGavock and husband Warren, Kim Blaschke and husband Michael; his son Jay Autrey and wife Chris; brother and sister-in-law, Ronney and Lindabeth Autrey, sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Bill Martin, sister-in-law, Dean Autrey; brother-in-law, Ed Evers. James is also survived by grandchildren: Mandy Stehling and husband Steven Warzecha; Brad McGavock; Blaine McGavock and wife, Kayla; Amy and Carol Stehling; Brandon Blaschke and wife Maegan; Jennifer Blaschke Arevalo and husband Sam, Andrew Autrey and wife Laura, Kymber Blaschke Bell and husband Cliff, Ryan Autrey and wife, Mary; Daniel Autrey; Taylor Autrey and Alyssa Maldonado; 13 great grandchildren, Jaxon McGavock, Parker McGavock, Avery McGavock, Audrey McGavock, Mylah Blaschke, Grayslin Blaschke, Emmry Blaschke, Braygen Blaschke, Leonardo Arevalo, Sullivan Arevalo, Adalynn Autrey, Lathander Autrey, and baby Bell on the way.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Deborah, I'm so thankful your parents moved close and were able to enjoy the sports. I certainly appreciate their support for so many years and it was always so nice to visit with them at the games. I'm so sorry for your loss, and I pray for comfort in the coming days.* ”

Cynthia hunt - July 19, 2025 at 11:12 AM

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“ *David and Terry Flory purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Earl Autrey.* ”



David and Terry Flory - July 16, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Earl Autrey.* ”

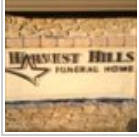


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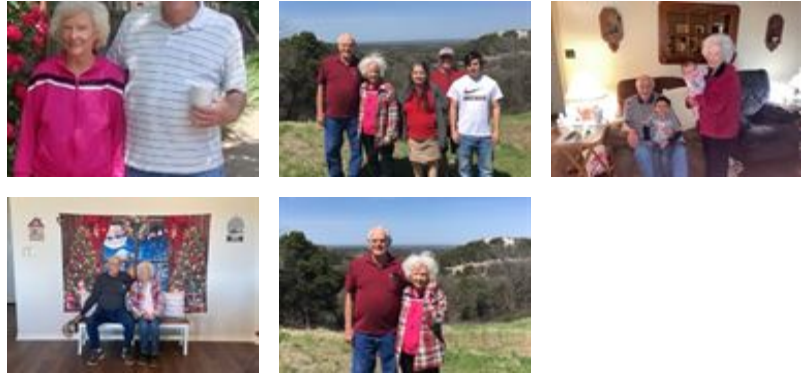


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Earl Autrey.* ”

July 16, 2025 at 01:52 PM



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Harvest Hills Funeral Home - July 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Sandra, Denise, Heather Lanham & Brett, Ginger Shelhimer, Elton & Clay Long purchased the *Rain bow Of Remembrance Spray* for the family of *James Earl Autrey*.



Sandra, Denise, Heather Lanham & Brett, Ginger Shelhimer, Elton & Clay Long - July 15, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of *James Earl Autrey*.



July 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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“ Prayers



Eddie& Marla Guinn - July 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM