

## **Robert James Speas | 1939-2014**

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Robert James Speas, 74, of Alvord, died Sunday, March 23, 2014, in Lewisville.

Memorial service is 3 p.m. Friday, April 11, at The Village Church in Highland Village. The scattering of his ashes will be Saturday, April 12, in Alvord.

Bob was born Dec. 11, 1939, in Kalona, Iowa, to Walter and Esther Speas. He attended Kalona High School before joining the Navy at the age of 17. He served three-and-a-half years, including three overseas tours on the USS Platte as an electronics technician. After the Navy, he joined Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before becoming a real estate broker and cross-country truck driver.

In 1986, after four years of intensive self-study through a legal correspondence course with La Salle University, Bob passed the bar exam in California. He practiced law for many years and realized his lifelong dream of owning and racing horses. He was at home in the saddle, most recently living on a ranch in Alvord.

He is survived by his children, Pj Hall, Lisa Howard, Russell Speas, Scott Speas, Michael Speas, Rusty Speas, Dwayne Speas and Shae Windstetter; siblings Lucy Grout, Everett Speas and Ralph Speas; grandchildren James, Miriam, Derek, Mariah, Nicole, Bonnie, Vann, Jennifer, Sean, Justin, Michael Jr., Christopher, Hannah, Brandon, Dwayne Jr., Annie and Russell Jr.; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two ex-wives, Edith Speas-Klepper and Mary Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Robbie Speas; and granddaughter Tabatha Speas.

Donations may be made to the Robert Speas Memorial, Independent Bank, P.O. Box 669, Prosper, TX 75078 or to CANTER (The Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses, [www.canterusa.org](http://www.canterusa.org)). Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.daltonandson.com](http://www.daltonandson.com).