



# Kirk, James H. "Jimmy" "Yogi"

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James H. "Jimmy" "Yogi" Kirk, 77, of Decatur, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Gerre Joiner and Pastor Mike Kerzee will officiate.

Pallbearers include Roger Egle, Ken Egle, Clayton Egle, Ricky Taylor, Ronnie Lewis and Sparky Lewis.

Honorary pallbearers include the Keller High School Class of 1960.

Jimmy was born Jan. 2, 1942, to Charles and Ocie (Green) Kirk in Reading, Penn. He was united in marriage Oct. 12, 1962, to Brenda Joyce Hodges in Fort Worth. He was a member of the Smithfield United Methodist Church in Smithfield, then in 1983 moved to Wise County and

joined the First United Methodist Church in Decatur. He has been an active member of the Automotive Old Timers Club in Fort Worth, a member of the Chico Young Farmers Association and the "Whata Board" breakfast club of Decatur.

Jimmy made his career in the automotive industry. He began as the operations manager of Green Valley Raceway in Smithfield from 1961 to 1972 and was co-owner of Rebelland Auto Supply in North Richland Hills from 1970 to 1982. He sold heavy equipment for Crisp Equipment Co. in Keller from 1982 to 1987 and sold real estate and worked at James Woods Motors from 1987 to 1991. He began his second automotive career with the Automotive Wholesalers of Texas and Automotive Parts and Services Association where he retired in 2016.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kelly Kirk in 1994; and sister Ruth Kirk in 1996.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Joyce Kirk of Decatur; daughter Rene Egle and husband, Roger, of Decatur; grandson Clayton Egle of Decatur; and granddaughter Emily Egle of Decatur.

Memorials can be made to Smithfield Methodist Church, 6701 Smithfield Rd., North Richland Hills, TX 76182.

*Hawkins Funeral Home*