



Jimmie Garland Harris

1942-2020

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Jimmie Garland Harris was carried away in the arms of Jesus having died peacefully from complications of the coronavirus at Wise Health System May 19, 2020, in Decatur at the age of 77.

Jimmie is survived by his wife, Mary; sons Mark, Randy and wife, Mandi and Darrell; foster daughters Naomi and husband, Kenneth, Nina and Nicki; sisters Wanda and husband, Jack Shatley and Lillian Greenslade; and grandchildren Tiffani and husband, Robert, Brooke, Shalom and husband, Tyler, Hannah and Nicholas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Connie and George; brother Ira; and sister Anita; and all of his aunts and uncles.

Jimmie was born July 17, 1942, in Cisco to Connie and George Harris. He married Mary, who became a registered nurse in April 1963. After having served in the Air Force, he graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in 1971 with a degree in biology. He then worked as a chemist and general manager at the Fort Worth Grain Exchange until retirement.

After moving to Boyd in 1973, he began building their home and fixing everything as he had an innate talent for construction and problem solving. He served early on with others in Boyd to build the community park now known as the James Snodgrass Memorial Park. He is remembered as a fair umpire that officiated over many years for youth baseball and church leagues. He also served on the church board and supported the ministry in various ways.

Over the years, the couple raised their own and welcomed other children into their home and set about teaching them and encouraging them to pursue their goals. As a result, they went into the fields of firefighting/medical response, law enforcement, natural resource protection, nursing, administration, construction and education.

Jim was an accomplished golfer and as a youth was skilled at various sports and track events. He also created intricate origami and built radio-controlled planes, boats and copters. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching the yearly fireworks show in Arizona.

Graveside service was Tuesday, May 26, at Azleland Memorial Park with the Rev. Harry Harris officiating. The following men were special in Jimmie's life and were listed as honorary pallbearers: Dr. Arthur Cleveland, Kent Mathews, Billy May, Glenn Reed, Tom Bell, Greg Heck, Joe King, Robert Rumbaugh and Chad Lytle.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a religious or medical charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the Boyd Fire Department and EMS responders, Dr. Steffen, all the nurses on the 5th floor, the Cardiac ICU, and other hospital staff at the Decatur Hospital for their care of Jim.