



Chambers, James 'Don'

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Funeral services for James "Don" Chambers, 71, of Paradise, Texas, were held Monday, June 10, 2024, at Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, with a burial that followed at Paradise Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, June 10, one hour prior to the service, at the funeral home. Pastor Shawn Brewer officiated. Pallbearers included Brandon Chambers, Chuck Rhoades, Jayson Rhoades, Julian Perez, Luis Perez and Cody Rose.

James Donald Chambers was born on Oct. 17, 1952, in Dublin to the late Raymond Carl and Rosemary Chambers. Don moved to Paradise in 1964 with his parents and siblings. He graduated from Paradise High School in 1971 as valedictorian. After high school, Don was accepted into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy as one of 350 from an applicant pool of 8,000. Don married Bonnie Lynn McKeever on June 2, 1976, in New London, Connecticut, at the Coast Guard Academy. He served as a Lieutenant

Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years. Following his service, he continued to work as an engineer on the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker ships in the private sector up until his retirement in 2022.

Don is survived by his wife, Bonnie; three children, Kristina Rhoades, Brandon Chambers and Amber Wood; grandchildren, Julian, Jayson, Luis, Zoey, Savannah, Brianna, Kaden and Liam; and brother, Rodney Chambers.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Carl and Rosemary Chambers; brother, Gary Dean Chambers; and sister, Lela Rose Chambers.

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