



James A. "Jim" Hughes

October 21, 1934 - September 6, 2015

McKinney/Allen/Plano

James A. (Jim) Hughes, age 80, passed away on September 6, 2015 in Prosper, Texas at his home surrounded by his family and friends. He was born on October 21, 1934 in Prosper, Texas to T.M., Sr., and Oberia Johnson Hughes.

Jim graduated from Prosper High School in 1951. He excelled in sports and continued that interest at Sam Houston State University. He played baseball and basketball. In 1995, he was inducted into the Sam Houston Hall of Honor. He was drafted by the Detroit Tigers and went on to play minor league baseball and managed in the minor leagues over the years. He was a very hard working baseball scout who worked for the New York Mets when they won the World Series in 1969. He scouted for the Toronto Blue Jays for over 20 years, including the two years the Blue Jays won back to back World Series. He was a member of the Texas Scout Association and the Scout of the Year Foundation. In 1995, Jim was honored by the Scout of the Year Foundation as the "Midwest Scout of the Year." Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army.

On December 30, 1982, Jim married the former Betty Hodges Matthews at the First Methodist Church in McKinney. Jim was passionate about his service to his church, Prosper United Methodist, and the town of Prosper. He was a director for the Prosper Historical Society. Quietly and anonymously, he gave his time, shared his talents, advised and encouraged others. He saw the good in people that others may not have seen and was generous with his time, never expecting anything in return.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.M., Sr. and Oberia Johnson Hughes and his brother and sister-in-law, T.M., Jr. and Mary McKnight Hughes.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Betty of Prosper; his daughter, Lequita Kinder and husband Mark of Crandall, Texas; son, Marty Matthews of Dallas, Texas; brother, Jack Hughes and wife Lynda of Cypress, Texas; sister, Jerry Gentle of Plano, Texas; grandchildren, Natalie Pierce and husband Steven of Wills Point, Texas, Wesley Kinder of Crandall, Texas, Kevin Kinder and wife Rachel of Seagoville, Texas; six great-grandchildren, Riley, Lee, Kyle and Layne Pierce, Peyton Kinder and Cashton Kinder; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

There was no one who loved his family more than Jim. He loved spending time with his wife, Betty, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed playing racquetball, jogging and playing golf now and then. He was a faithful member of Prosper United Methodist Church and the Faith Weaver's Sunday School Class.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Walnut Grove Cemetery at Custer and First Street in Prosper, Texas. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Prosper United Methodist Church, 205 South Church Street, Prosper, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Wednesday evening, September 9, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas.

Memorials may be made in Jim's memory to the Prosper United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 206, Prosper, Texas 75078; The Prosper Historical Society's Veteran's Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 221, Prosper, Texas 75078 ; The Scout of the Year Foundation; P.O. Box 211585, West Palm Beach, Florida 33421-1585; The Prosper United Methodist Women Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 206, Prosper, Texas 75078.

Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I remember Jim as a kind and considerate person. I know that he will be missed.

James Earnest Cross, September 8, 2015

We had the honor of meeting Jim a few times when he came to help with a fallen tree and whatever was needed. We rent the house that his son Marty owns, We have been here 8 years and have always been graciously blessed to know this family. We will miss you dearly, Amen and rest in peace. Steve and Glenda Ross

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may God send his healing arms to help this family. We enjoyed have James as our neighbor to enrich our lives.

Carolyn Carmen, September 9, 2015

Our family will always remember Jim's kindness at our 8:30 church service. He had a gentle and welcoming spirit that helped us decide to join Prosper United Methodist. He will be missed.

Chris Dietz, September 9, 2015

I was very sad to hear of Jim's passing. We played racket ball together for the better part of 20 years. I think of him often and will miss him. Jim was always the gentleman and a kind soul. I know he is with the lord. He loved Betty and his family very much. God Bless all of you.

Mark Fangio, September 9, 2015

Mr. Jim, as everyone new him at Cornerstone Donation Center, was always the silent one around the donation center during our closed hours. I met Jim the first time he came to our sale and bought golf clubs ... To put in his garden, he said. He did his service in silent. I'd come to work and the grass would be mowed or all our boxes torn down and carried off. One day I came and he was taking his chain saw to our old dead tree. At our Cornerstone Garage Sales, he was the friendly guardian of the outdoor garage space at every sale the last few years. He oversaw the kids playing, and those odd outdoor items of every sale. He was ready to assist shoppers get their items to their car. Rain, sunshine, heat or cold he was there. Thank you, miss you, but know you are enjoying those gardens in your new home.

Loretta Baker, September 9, 2015