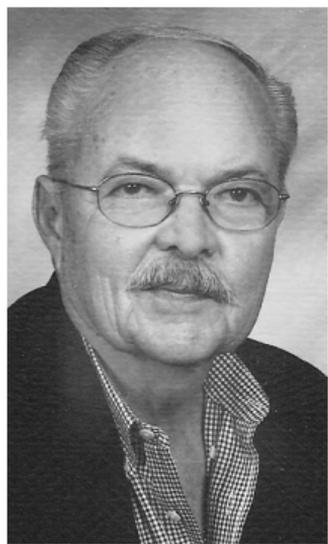


James Felix Pape

December 6, 1940 - March 24, 2018



James Felix Pape of Fredericksburg, Texas passed away in Fredericksburg, on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the age of 77 years.

He was born Dec. 6, 1940 in Fredericksburg, Texas, the son of Felix Angelius Pape and Laura L. Danz Pape. As a young man, he worked alongside his father at Pape's Texaco service station on Main, where Wheeler's Restaurant is now located. He graduated St. Mary's High School, St. Mary's University in San Antonio,

and did his post graduate studies at Trinity University, also in San Antonio.

After college, he took a teaching job in San Antonio before relocating back home to Fredericksburg to teach high school English. He retired when the third generation of local families came through his classroom.

Many of his former students became his caregivers over the last several months, and he enjoyed reminiscing with those he taught.

Jimmy was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and a member of the St. Joseph's Society.

He inherited a love of animals from his Grandpa Danz, and even spent hours with his nephew and nieces taking buggy rides hitched to one of his favorite horses. He took great pride and joy playing chauffeur to his great-niece and nephew, and with showing all of the kids his cattle and goats, always teaching them the old ways.

He is fondly remembered as a wonderfully kind teacher, and the self-proclaimed, loving "Patriarch" who endeared himself to his nieces and nephews and was affectionately known to them as "Pape".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Laura, and his wife, Gloria Lester Hill Pape.

Jim is survived by his sister and her spouse, Judy and Norman Maurer of Kerrville; nephew, Michael Maurer of Kerrville; nieces and their spouses, Stephanie and Randy Alford of Fredericksburg, Debra and Dusty Reynolds of Allen, Texas; great-nieces and nephews and families, Haley and Sean Burdick and son, Connor, of Comfort; Kyle and Cassie Alford and son, Mason, of Fredericksburg; Timothy, Samuel and Abigail Reynolds of Allen; and close friends, Donna Croy and Tiffany Hartmann.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Tony Vilano and Msgr. Enda McKenna officiating.

Mary Ann Murchison was the organist, and Amy Voorhees, the vocalist. Kyle Alford and Haley Burdick were the scripture readers, while Rumalda Rivera and Heather Beyer were communion ministers. The Eucharistic gifts were presented by Timothy, Samuel and Abigail Reynolds.

Graveside services and interment followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Pallbearers included Barry Beyer, Brett Beyer, Jeff Dittmar, Dr. Matthew Hoermann, Donnie Reeh and Wade Reeh.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening, March 27, and Wednesday morning, March 28, in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home.

Vigil services were held on Tuesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. at the funeral chapel, followed by a St. Joseph's Society rosary.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Arrangements were under the direction of Schaeffer Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at

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