



**McGilvray, James LeRoy, Sr.**

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James LeRoy McGilvray Sr. peacefully entered the presence of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.

He was born Dec. 4, 1937, in Fort Worth, to Fred and Onace McGilvray. At the age of 6, he moved with his family to Keller, to their family dairy farm. He worked alongside his father on the dairy where he developed a love and passion for agriculture and learned to be a devoted steward of the land.

James married the love of his life, Pat McGilvray, June 7, 1957, in Keller. The two of them continued to live on the dairy where he worked until they sold and moved to their farm in Bridgeport, in 1986. He faithfully attended The Hills Church in North Richland Hills. He continued his land stewardship on his farm in Bridgeport, where he tended to his land and cattle. James and Pat enjoyed every morning together checking on their animals.

He purchased his first John Deere store in Saginaw, Saginaw Implement, in 1968 and later moved it to Rhome, in 1977. He ran his business with his wife and children, until he retired in 2009. He humbly served his community as a member of the Wise County Water Control and Improvement Board where he held the title of Vice President and Secretary before retiring his position after 30 years. James was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Onace McGilvray; his brother, Sterling McGilvray; and his son, James McGilvray Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Pat McGilvray; his sister, Lavone White; daughter, Annette Davidson and husband, Tony; sons, Jesse McGilvray and wife, Karla, and Clay McGilvray and wife, Diane; nine precious grandchildren, James William McGilvray, Katheryne Hinze, Monty Hambrick, Brittany Byars, Cody Hambrick, Mallory Bartlett, Katie Sims, Max McGilvray and Clayton McGilvray; and 12 great-grandchildren that he loved and adored dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held for James at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, in the chapel at The Hills Church, 6300 NE Loop 820 in North Richland Hills. Family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the celebration in front of the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to honor James' legacy of faith by giving to Christ's Haven For Children in Keller, Texas (4200 Keller Haslet Road, Keller, Texas 76244) where Jesus' Story will continue to be shared for generations to come.

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