



**Rich, James A.**

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James A. Rich, 77, a retired Lieutenant for the Ft. Worth Fire Department passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, in Decatur.

Funeral was Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, at First Baptist Church 140 FM 730, Boyd, with a burial that followed at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation was an hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Brandon Blasingame and Chaplain Cliff Spain will officiate. Pallbearers include nephews, Curt, Chance, and Tanner Sanders, his Godsons, Ty James, and Mickey Winkle, and his proxy son, J.C. Lambert.

James was born Dec. 14, 1946, to Clara (Harp) and Lester Rich in Vernon. He lived most of his life in Saginaw and was a 1965 graduate of Boswell High School.

James was a kind spirit, loved and thought the world of his fellow firefighters that he called his "brothers". He said he was the world's greatest fisherman, but lots of time no fish were brought home. He loved home life and he loved his family and friends. James

had the most loving gentle hands and could fix just about anything and had a magical laugh.

James' passing has forever changed our lives. He left us too soon and will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clara and Lester Rich.

Left behind to treasure his memory are his wife and forever girlfriend, Debra of 41 years; his daughters, Karie Holmes and husband, Randy, Lori Hart and husband, Brian, and Jamie Hazelwood and husband, Robert; his grandchildren, Maysi and husband, Cody, Kristin, Haylee, Baylie and husband, Matt, Emma, Katie, Ella, Halas and Walter.

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