

## James Lee Tucker

GORMAN - James Lee Tucker, age 63, passed away at his home on June 7, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. James was born on April 25, 1954 at the Blackwell Sanitorium in Gorman, Texas to Claude and Barbara Tucker. He spent his younger years in Ranger, Texas until moving to Odessa, Texas where he graduated from Odessa High School. After high school, he joined the US Army where he proudly served for 3 years. After his service, he returned to Odessa where he began a career as a machinist. James married Ellen Taylor in Odessa on May 25, 1994. They later moved to Comanche County, Texas where they raised their daughter, Rachel. He resided there until his death.

James was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Gorman and also served as a Sunday School Teacher and as a leader of the Wednesday night children's ministry for many years. James favorite hobby was acting as Santa Claus, which brought him as much joy as it did the children he met.

James is survived by his wife, Ellen, of Gorman; his daughter, Rachel Tucker, of Denton, Texas. He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Tucker of Gorman and his brother, Joe Tucker of Odessa, Texas; nieces Rebecca Nall and Kristen Tucker; great nieces Clara and Emily Nall.

Family visitation will be Friday night at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman, TX from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Services will be held on Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gorman. The family requests that any memorials be sent to either the American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church children's ministry at P.O. Box 160, Gorman, TX, 76454.