



## James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim)

March 9, 1934 - April 16, 2026

James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim), 92, of San Antonio, passed away on April 16, 2026. Jim was born March 9, 1934 in Taylor, Texas to Paul W. and Theresa A. Hofstetter. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in May 1951 where he was one of the original founders of the San Antonio car club "Gear Grinders". In June 1951 he started working for the International Great Northern (I.G.N) Railroad. In April of 1952 during the Korean Conflict, he joined the U.S. Navy. After serving in the Navy for four years, he returned to his employment with the Railroad, which by that time had become the Missouri Pacific Railroad. In May 1996, he retired as Division Electrician from the Union Pacific Railroad.

On July 24, 1953, he married the love of his life, Claudell Billie Alexander. The two met while attending Mark Twain Junior High School and happily spent the next 71 years together.

Jim is survived by their four children, Russell W. Branson, Vickie E. Mc Lean, Richard R. Hofstetter and Virginia A. Hofstetter, 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his younger brother William R. Hostetter. He is predeceased by his wife Claudell B. Hofstetter, and his older brother Paul Eugene Hofstetter (Gene).

Jim had many talents and many interests. He loved talking to people. He

always had a welcoming grin and a story to tell.

Like his son said, "He was the best man he ever knew."

Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

Committal Service with Military Honors will be held at 10:00 am at Shelter #1 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Committal Service with Military Honors

APR **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Home Depot #6539 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



**The Home Depot #6539** - April 22 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Total Safety PHS - Richards Work Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



**Total Safety PHS - Richards Work Family** - April 22 at 11:00 AM

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“ *The Thomas Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



**The Thomas Family** - April 21 at 07:32 PM

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“ *Deanna & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



**Deanna & Family** - April 21 at 04:58 PM



“ *Lonestar family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



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**Lonestar family** - April 21 at 09:40 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Raymond Hofstetter (Jim).*



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April 20 at 09:36 PM