



James Clifton Howerton Sr.

June 20, 1927 - July 26, 2025

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James Clifton Howerton was born on June 20 , 1927 in Osceola , Arkansas to Hugh Clifton and Mavis Claire Howerton .

He along with his brothers and sisters grew up amongst the cotton fields and corn fields of Arkansas during The Great Depression .

James and his siblings survived many hard times with much joking and a larger than life sense of humor . All who knew him remember his special way of telling a story with country grit and a lot of laughter .

He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served in the Pacific on the minesweeper USS Redstart .

He married his first love, his one and only true love Joyce Reile in 1947 . They were married for 62 years until her death in 2010 . They had 5 children .

He was a family man who worked for Southwestern Bell for 40 years . He was known by his co-workers as Lightnin Jim . To those who loved him the most , he was fondly known as Daddy , Dad . Pops , and Grandpa .

Fishing was his favorite hobby . He spent decades fishing the waters of Corpus , Port Aransas and Rockport . He passed his love of fishing to his sons and grandsons .

Jim and his wife Joyce spent many happy years in Rockport at Palm Harbor enjoying their retirement .

He was handsome and loving and he had a heart of gold . He passed away on July 26 , 2025 at the age of 98 in San Antonio ,Tx. his home of 78 years .

He was proceeded in death by his wife Joyce , his daughter Claire and his granddaughter Song . He leaves to cherish his memory , his children and grandchildren ,

Jimmy and wife Mary , children Jenifer , Aubrey and Allison .

Greg and his wife Pam , and their daughter Kimberly .

Suzanne and husband Randy , and their children Carly and Reid .

Marty and wife Kim , children Mason , Chase and Sarah .

Claire's children , Jason , Melody and Robin .

(23) Great Grandchildren and a legion of Great Great grandkids and more to come .

Also countless loving nieces and nephews .

And one brother Roy Howerton , survives .

Many things may fade away , but our love for James , Jim , Jimmy and J.C. will last forever .

To all who received Him ,

To those who believed in His name ,

He gave the right to become children

of God . John 1:12

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252

Previous Events

Private Family Viewing

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Entombment

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion
20900 I-10
San Antonio, TX 78257
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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Clifton Howerton Sr..*



August 04, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Clifton Howerton Sr..*



August 04, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Clifton Howerton Sr..*



August 02, 2025 at 02:34 PM