



## James Dean Hull II

June 16, 1931 - August 1, 2016

Jim was born on June 16, 1931 in Bartlesville, OK, to James Dean Hull I and Catherine Mary Goodrich and called home to heaven on August 1, 2016 at the age of 85. Jim attended public school in Bartlesville until such time as the family moved to Tulsa. Jim attended High School at New Mexico Military Institute and graduated in 1949. After graduation, he returned to Tulsa and enrolled at The University of Tulsa. There he was initiated into Kappa Alpha Fraternity and fell in love with a Delta Gamma girl. Jim and Marian L. Black married on June 19, 1954 and thus began a 62 year courtship. Jim was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he resumed this college career and graduated from The University of Tulsa with a BA in Business. After a few years in the working world, Marian convinced him to go back to school and get his Law degree from The University of Tulsa. While Jim was going to night school Marian was at home raising their two small children, Cindy and Stephen.

He then began working at Tidewater Oil Company which transferred him down to Houston in 1963. He then went to work for Occidental Petroleum Corporation, transferred over to Occidental Chemical Corporation in their legal department as General Counsel. He traveled to Russia with Dr. Armand

Hammer to negotiate the West's first business deal since WWII. Other business travels took him to Spain, Brazil, Libya and Venezuela negotiating contracts for chemical purchases. Jim was an avid golfer during his corporate years and later loved to play with his children and grandchildren. Jim retired from the corporate world in 1983. After retiring he renewed his love for music and while still living in Houston, he was an active member of the Bayland Ukulele Group.

Jim and Marian settled in the beautiful Texas Hill Country and bought a home in Spring Branch, Texas. There they started the Guadalupe Riverpickers, and enjoyed playing banjo, guitar and dulcimer music all over Texas at numerous music festivals, The group even hosted a Dulcimer Festival at the Red Roof Lutheran Church for two years, bringing in dulcimer players from all over the country to jam and give some lessons to anyone interested in learning to play. The group continued to meet on a regular basis at their home to practice and learn new tunes to perform at the Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio and the Boerne Christmas Parade. His favorite meal was BBQ pork ribs with all the sides followed by homemade vanilla ice cream and Fredericksburg peaches on top. From the time Jim was a boy he always had a dog beginning with his faithful companion Skipper and he will be missed by the family pets Jojo, Duke, Maggie Mae & Lily, who love to run and chase the lizards at their home; and their only mouser kitty, Misty.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Marian LaNelle Hull; his sister Catherine Haley; daughter Cindy Cox; son Stephen James Hull; grandchildren Matthew Cox & Amanda Cox; Denson James Hull & Olivia Claire Hull; nephews John Haley, Jim Haley, Tom Haley, Dan Haley and niece Ann Haley McMickell.