



## James Andrew Thompson

November 3, 1939 - June 10, 2015

James Andrew Thompson was born November 3, 1938 in Dallas, Texas. He passed from this life on June 10, 2015.

James is survived by son Wyth Thompson; daughter Paula Haider & husband Mike; grandchildren Luke Haider, Ava Haider; extended family and friends.

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IN THE NAME OF JAMES ANDREW THOMPSON BFA 1963

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I just found this memorial to Jim and wanted to share a little bit about the man who contributed so much to the research and history of our family tree and his unique story as he discovered his roots. I learned about Jim through my parents and finally met him at a Chisam family reunion in 2003. Jim had done extensive research in the 70's when he learned his father was born Chisam and not Thompson. When Jim and my father were standing together, they looked like brothers. Jim and my father shared the same Grandfather. I can't begin to tell you how valuable his research is and I know it was important to him that someone carry on research. I hope to honor that wish with continued research. Jim and I played phone tag the last couple of months before he passed and I only learned of his passing via a short email from his daughter. I still have his last few voice mails on my phone. Like the tributes before mine, he loved his family, his work, and encouraged me to "carry on the family search". I'll miss him. I'm so glad to have known him.

*Doug Chisam*

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**Doug Chisam** - November 09, 2015 at 09:01 AM

GN

“ I'm thankful for the opportunity to have known Jim as a co-worker and a friend. I learned a lot from him both professionally and personally. He displayed an "others" focus, being genuinely concerned about what was going on in another person's life rather than making it all about himself. Yet he could also be open and vulnerable in letting you get to know him. And if you pointed to something on his computer screen and actually touched it - you might get threatened with whatever he could lay his hands on! - he really didn't like that at all!

*Jim faced life's challenges with a dogged determination to do what he had to do and I admired him tremendously. May he rest in peace freed from the shackles of his broken body!*

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**gary nitschke** - June 19, 2015 at 05:14 PM

CW

“ I cannot believe I am typing words because someone so dear has passed. My first memories of Jim were while in college and working at SDG. I was in college studying graphic design and the EGD department was up and running. After meeting him for the first time, Jim decided he was going to take me under his wing and be a mentor. I had no idea that when Jim said he was going to do something, he did it well. Jim took so much time (and patience!) with me as I learned the EGD industry and we felt it was the perfect match for me. He was an amazing teacher and friend.



One day, Jim pulled me aside and said that it was time for me to move on to a larger firm and gain more experience. He had a specific firm in mind. Throughout my career and life, Jim has always made sure that I was doing what I loved and was happy. I will never forget him always asking if I was enjoying what I was doing. I had the honor of working with Jim again (and dear Bob Groves) at JBA and then again on one of Bob's large projects. Jim encouraged me to start my own business and once again, he never stopped mentoring me. The foundation of my career, work ethic and making sure I enjoy what I do, is because of Jim. He was always happy and smiling and enjoyed socializing. He was also an amazing environmental graphic designer and artist.

When I think of Jim, what comes to mind are his children, son-n-law and grandchildren. He loved all of them so very much and would take any opportunity to tell me the latest news that each of them was doing. He was so proud of his children and just loved those grandchildren and coming up with the name, "Lefty Paw." He was most proud of Luke and Ava and spoke of them all the time. The world has lost a dear man, but his memories will remain.

Carrie Houston Walker

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Carrie Houston Walker - June 18, 2015 at 03:08 PM

CS

*I first met Jim when I moved next door to him , Wyth, Paula and Gloria in 1978. He was always helpful on anything I needed advice on and on fixing up my home, foundation work, trimming my trees and sharing his family with me. I traveled a lot with American Airlines and he and Wyth would look for her my home and little dog. He was a very special man and very kind and talented. I missed all of them very much when they moved on with their lives and out of my neighborhood but have great memories of their family.*

*Cathie Sells in Dallas, Tx*

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**Cathie Sells** - June 19, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James Andrew Thompson.*



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June 17, 2015 at 09:19 PM

DG

“ i am so very saddened to hear of the passing of Jim. I was blessed to be his partner for 18 years. He was so sincere, loving and a true gentleman. He was a incredible artist, painter, graphic designer and could build or repair anything. His heart was totally giving and sharing with everyone. He was the kind of person that never complained even through his many medical problems always doing exactly what he was asked and more. He never wanted to be in the spotlight in all the awards he was received throughout his career and there were many!! He loved his buddies and i can not think of any better way for him to spend his last day on this earth than with Jim, Bob, and Jerry. Friendship was very important to him. His most precious love was for Luke and Ava he loved them so much and was so proud of them. He had such a incredible relationship with Wyth and career wise he was so proud of him and his love for color and design. Jim was a Christian and is with his Lord now and is pain free and full of joy. I will always love you.

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**diane greer** - June 17, 2015 at 06:31 PM



“ I worked with Jim at HDR. We always talked fondly of stocks, investing and geo-politics often over the course of lunch. I was able to help Jim with some work on his pickup truck and he gave me one of his print pictures in return, which to this day is one of my favorite works of art.



**Joe Wages**

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**Josef Wäges** - June 17, 2015 at 03:35 PM

JF

“ James was my first cousin and a good friend. I will miss him greatly.

*I remember fondly when I was 16 year old baseball player in Lancaster playing on the Lions Club team and James (as a 9 year old) would come to our games with his glove (hoping to catch foul ball I suppose). One time Dizzy Dean came to one of our games and James played catch with the great Dizzy on the side line. It made his day and he never forgot that.*

*I treasure the beautiful framed computer generated picture titled "The Pond at FLW's Farm" hanging in my dining room that was gift from James.*

*J.B. Frazier*

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**James B. Frazier,Jr.** - June 17, 2015 at 01:28 PM

JW

“ Please read the comments made by Bob Groves. I agree with him 100%.

*Jim. Bob Groves, Jerry Duval and I worked together for many years at three different architectural firms. Our individual expertises are varied and strong...we are good teammates.*

*We all got old...we all retired...we still get together for lunches, parties, conventions, drinks and of course, to critique other architects' work. The battle to solve all the world's political and religious problems remains on-going.*

*As Jim 's health issues started to compound over the last two-plus years, I was fortunate to be able to provide transportation and moral support. Our "lunch bunch " lunches and critiques continue. Last Tuesday we spent five hours together...lunch at Mama's, tour of downtown, the new bridges...return to Juliet Fowler in a thunderstorm.*

*Jim's paintings dominate our living room. I think of him often...just not in the past tense.*

*Jim Watkins*

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**Jim Watkins** - June 17, 2015 at 12:29 AM

DT

“ I knew Jim for about 6-7 years. We worked together at HDR Architecture. We became friends at HDR when he started attending the Bible study I led on our lunch hour. He was a brother in the Lord. Jim was not an overly "religious" man. But that's OK. He knew that religion was not able to deliver. Jim had accepted God's free gift. And that gift was the salvation bought and paid for Jesus. John 3:16. May you rest in peace my friend, as you sit at the feet of the Master Artist.  
Don Tofel...

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Don Tofel - June 15, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Andrew Thompson.



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June 15, 2015 at 07:02 PM

“ I will always remember "Mr. Thompson" during my teenage years as Paula and Wyth's really nice and good-humored Dad. He was always very welcoming to his children and their friends, tolerating their silly antics, never easily fooled, always with a twinkle in his eye and a ready laugh - sitting in his rocking chair on Friday nights with a bowl of popcorn, watching old classic movies... a loving father, who never took the infractions of our adolescent behavior too seriously because he seemed to know that we would outgrow our "phases", thus graciously offering his children and their friends the benefit of the doubt. I will also remember Jim Thompson's love of meticulous gardening; the Thompsons' lawn was always remarkably manicured with flawless attention and care.

He was an incredible graphic artist, a gifted athlete, a native Texan, a master gardener, a proud Chisholm clan descendant, a fan of old movies, and a lover of individualism. Jim Thompson was unique. I will remember him fondly. I am thankful to have had the chance to know such a person.

*Michelle Turner Unwin*

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**Michelle Turner Unwin** - June 15, 2015 at 05:05 PM

RG

“ I have known Jim and counted him a friend for over 30 years and I will miss him even if he was a bit of a curmudgeon at times.....OK, most of the time. His smile and his eternal optimism will always be with me and the others who called him a member of our group (Jim, Jerry Duval, Jim Watkins and myself.) He was in fact a brilliant artist and the best graphic designer I ever worked with and yet he was willing to help others when they needed it and/or help them to get started in the career field that he knew so well (Carrie).

*I will miss his voice on the phone and the lunch dates that the group had with him included. I'm very glad that we had one of these outings on the day before he died. it helps to close the file in a memorable and calming fashion.....no regrets!!!!*

*Bob Groves*

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**Robert Groves** - June 14, 2015 at 04:18 PM

DK

“ Jim Thompson was a unique and special man. He was perceptive, understanding, sensible and keenly sensitive to his surroundings. That, combined with an eye for detail made him a wonderful artist and designer. We had that interest in common. He taught me a lot about graphic design.

*Jim had other talents too; gardening and carpentry. He designed and built an amazing tree house that will probably out live the tree. I was his helper.*

*Jim was very frugal, but still found it in his heart to help a struggling college student (my daughter) when she fell upon hard times. It was years later before I found out.*

*He will always be in my heart, and I will miss our conversations. Rest in peace dear friend.*

*Dixie Kee*

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**Dixie Kee** - June 13, 2015 at 10:23 PM

BS

“ James was a dear friend and even as kids together on Ellis Street in Lancaster we all played together, went to school together, went to homecomings, and always talked through email. I will always remember the big heart James had always helping others and encouraging me when I was so ill. James was a very wonderful person and will be truly missed. Sleep well my friend, and god be with you.

*Billie M. Worley*

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**Billie M. Worley Slingerland** - June 12, 2015 at 09:31 PM

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BEING PART  
OF ANY TEAM HE WAS ON AND A COMFORTER IN LOW  
TIMES...WILL  
BE GREATLY MISSED. AND WILL TRY TO MAKE  
RECONTACTUP WHERE  
HE IS NOW.  
A.D.SEAMANSKI

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A.D. SEAMANSKI - June 12, 2015 at 08:37 AM