

James William Allen

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Graveside services for James William Allen will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 13, at Weaver Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Friday officiating.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Murray-Orvosky Funeral Home.

James William Allen died Sunday, June 8, 2014, at his residence.

He was born April 29, 1939, in Sulphur Springs, the son of Van Buren Allen Jr. and Helen Ella McMahan.

James was a retired hairdresser and entrepreneur.

He owned many beauty shops, a cosmetology school, developed his own hair-care product line and won many awards in cosmetology competitions. He had many loyal customers that would travel long distances to wherever he was working.

He loved being outside, working with his hands and joking with his customers.

James truly never met a stranger and was always interested in other people's stories.

He will be sadly missed.

Survivors include daughters Daveda Jo Hardin (Dan) of Lake Stevens, Wash., Samantha Allen Denton of Dallas and Jamie Allen Bramlett (Doug) of Lucas; sons James Betteridge of Los Angeles, Calif., and Paul "Flop" Sims of Tyler; mother Helen McGaha of Lindale; sisters Cathy Schnell of Lindale and Mary Anne Allen of Vidor; brother Mark Allen of Buna; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three nieces; one nephew; many cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Van Buren Allen Jr., and a brother, Tommy Allen.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, 903-885-3133.

The online register can be signed at:

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