

## James E. Goodbread, Jr.

Funeral services for James E. Goodbread, Jr. were held Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at the Doeppenschmidt Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was held in the Goodbread Family Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, New Braunfels, Texas.

Mr. Goodbread passed on to be with the Lord on September 18, 2003, after a long and valiant fight with cancer. He was a wonderful and loving husband, exceptional father and loyal friend. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

James was born on October 24, 1940 in Galveston, Texas to James E. Goodbread, Sr. and Edith Cora McGee Goodbread. He graduated from Grapeland High School where he was the captain of the football team and lead in the school play. James received his bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Houston and began a banking career in Houston, Texas. Where, before he moved from Houston, he served as Vice-president of McGregor National Bank. He married Stephany Stott Goodbread in Bellaire, Texas on June 6 1963. They have two children, Stacy Goodbread Irons and James E. Goodbread, III.

James and his family moved to New Braunfels in 1971 and along with his father-in-law, Don Stott, Sr., bought National Hardware, a couple of years later they purchased Henne Hardware and James owned Henne's until 1987, when he retired to "play" at his country place. James loved old hardware stores and there was never a family vacation that passed that he did not search out and find an old hardware store to visit.

James was very active in his community,

always read to stand up for his beliefs and fight for his opinions. He was a community leader and often sought for advice even after he was no longer actively serving on the City Council. James served on the City Council for over nine years and a portion of that time he served as Mayor of the City of New Braunfels. He also sat on the Planning and Zoning Commission. New Braunfels Utilities Board of Trustees was a 27-year OPA in the Wurstfest Association and a member of Rotary International. But James was most proud of his job as a parent and husband. He was a loyal and dutiful husband who even with death nearing was thinking of other people, especially caring for his wife. He was an exceptional father and friend who was always there to listen to his children, offer counsel and a reassuring hug.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and business partner, Donald M. Stott, Sr., and his brother-in-law, Donald Milo Stott, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Stephany Stott Goodbread; daughter, Stacy Goodbread Irons and husband, Robert A. Irons, Jr. of San Antonio; son, James E. Goodbread, III and wife, Sarah Anne Grow Goodbread and his beautiful granddaughter, Lillian Alexandra Goodbread of Round Rock; his brother's, David E. Goodbread and wife, JoAnne and their sons of Richmond, Texas, and Larry W. Goodbread and wife, Becky and their children of Jones Creek, Texas; his aunt, Jewell Russell of Houston; his mother-in-law, Louise Stott of New Braunfels; his sister-in-law, Connie Stott of New Braunfels and her sons.