

James L. Haas

Members of the Space Center Rotary Club bowed their heads in silent prayer at Monday's regular meeting in reverent memory of JAMES L. HAAS, who at the young age of 47 passed away on Thursday, May 18th, 1982, from a heart attack. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 20th, at the Queen of Angeles Catholic Church in Dickinson and with interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson. He is survived by his wife, Doris, a daughter, Joy Gillett, three sons; James Jr., John and Joseph, mother, Edna Haas and a sister, Jackie White.

Jim joined our club under the classification of "Home Appliances - Dealer" in December of 1974 and was very active in a wide area of club activities, especially in club events and the annual fund raising Shrimporee/Auction benefiting charities and scholarships. His is the second member death recorded in membership records since the club was chartered 18 years ago. The first death was that of a charter member, Harry Smith, back in 1972.

Jim could be counted upon to be the first to enter the meeting room and one of the last to leave, using that extra time to reach out with a smile, make visitors feel welcome and extolling others for their promoting of Rotary fellowship and endeavors.

We extend deepest sympathy to all members of his family. His passing leaves a very large void in our midst, and his absence will be sorely felt by us all. Danke Schoh, Jim, for your having furthered community friendliness.

June 7, 1982 Blastoff

As a way of honoring the deceased members of our club, it was decided in 1985 that we would plant a memorial tree (live oak) in the memory of each deceased member in the designated Memorial Grove at the Bay Area YMCA, located on Highway 3 in Webster. To date, we have planted trees in memory of: Harry Smith, James L. (Jim) Haas, Alfred Neumann, and Richmond J. (Dick) Bownds.

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