



Mr. Jimmy Earl Sheffield

May 25, 1948 - May 9, 2023

Funeral service for Mr. Jimmy Sheffield, 74 of Tenaha will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. A time of visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. Mr. Jimmy Earl Sheffield was born on May 25, 1948, in Waco, Texas to his parents, John Henry Sheffield and Geraldine Teague. He passed away on May 9, 2023, in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Sheffield played football at A&M and was later drafted by the Buffalo Bill's. He is on the Paxton waterboard for many years and served as the honorary mayor of Old Center. He was caretaker of the Old Center Cemetery and checked on it daily. He was also vice president of the board of the Old Center Cemetery He was a proud Aggie and always said "Aggies Rule".

As Jimmy always said "Good understanding makes everlasting friends".

Mr. Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, Debbie Edge Sheffield, son, Sean Michael Sheffield, granddaughters, Reagan and Logan Sheffield, and brother, Johnny Sheffield and wife Becky.

Many nieces, nephews, a host of friends and loved ones also survive him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Funeral Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ He was my cousin, my friend and my text buddy as I headed into my 60s.

When I was little he was GOD to me.

He was a special person. I could write a book.

Look up high school quarterback records. He still holds some that still stand from the 60s.

Once after he kicked a 50 yard punt into a 30 mph wind with the aggies against longhorns Darryl Royal said after the game “we were ok until their punter came on the field. I’ve never seen anyone punt a ball like that.” That’s from the mouth of Darryl Royal himself.

He could punt a ball over the tallest pine trees in Houston. It was amazing to watch.

I know he stayed close to his center. He talked about him all the time to me.

Me and him were named after my grandfather.

James (Jimmy) Edgar Dowdle.

I am so proud to have those connections with him.

Well cousin you’re finally home.

I love you.

See you soon.

James Herndon

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JH

I want to add to my tribute to my great cousin. He wasn't just drafted by the Bills. He was "recruited" by half a dozen pro teams including the Cowboys. I've seen the letters.

He also was Lee Greenwood's body hairs for a short time. He asked jimmy to travel the world and do it full time but Jim said no to stay home.

If his center sees this I want you to know what you queasy do. You were his best friend. He held you above all others.

James Herndon

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 04:59 PM

JH

And to his wife.

I love you.

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 05:01 PM

JH

I have pictures I would love to post if I could.

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 05:02 PM

JH

I'm gonna keep this up until who he really was is known to many that read this that didn't know him until later in life.

He was better looking than Rock Hudson, he was built better than Lou Farigno. The man was bad to the bone. Those genes he had run all thru our family. He was 11 years older than me and I would sit and listen to the radio during Aggie games. "Sheffield coming into quarterback". He should have been the starter. He was way better.

The only reason Jim is not in the pro football hall of fame is two words.

Gene Stallings. You wanted to make big Jim mad say those two words.

When he was benching around 350 I was trying to catch up to him but I never did. Cane close but never made it. He never let that go. Lol.

When I was about 10 he would pick me up and carry me into the kitchen and tell me he was gonna cut my ear off. Of course he was kidding but man at 10 with a guy that big what you gonna think? Lol.

Some might think I'm over doing it here but he deserves to be known for mire than the older Jim.

He was 1 in ten million.

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 05:39 PM

LW

Jimmy is in a better place with his receiver favorite receiver Gary Doiron.

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Larry Winfield - May 07, 2025 at 08:17 AM

PJ

“ Jimmy Sheffield, Coach Sheffield or Mr Sheffield. How ever you addressed him Mr Sheffield was one of a kind. He had one crazy way of using his communication skills. Sometimes I had to ask my Dad on the way home from working out or from Football practice what he meant by this or that. My Dad didn't know how to answer my question just left me with a “ Son that's just Jim being Jim”. Coach not only taught me the game of football he taught me to lift weights and go heavy.
My last conversation with Coach was probably 3yrs ago. We talked about me being a kid in his world and me being a Dad in mine. He had taken the Man Above in his heart and shared some things with me. He told me that him and Sean talked daily and they always shared love for one another before they hung up.
To everyone that had the opportunity of knowing Coach , Jimmy Sheffield or Jim I send you Love followed by hugs.
Coach left a imprint on me that is shared with my Sons and the Young Men i train
Love you Coach Sweet Dreams

Pete Long Jr - May 13, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JH

Pete if you would like some really cool pics of Jim personally over the years and other great things to show the kids you can text me at 817-739-7434

James Herndon - October 04, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DE

“ Never forgotten. Our condolences



Dena - May 13, 2023 at 01:32 PM

SM

“ I grew up down the street from Jimmy he was my hero. Rest in peace.

Sammy Marris

sammy marris - May 13, 2023 at 10:36 AM

CN

“ Our sympathies are with the family. Jimmy was one in a million. You just don't meet people anymore like him. He watched over our community at Old Center. I knew if I ever needed anything I could call him. I will miss his honks and waves whenever he saw us outside. He will truly be missed. Connie Norris

Connie Norris - May 13, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ The Sheffield family shared a back fence with us in Oak Forest. I remember Jimmy as a teen throwing the ball around the back yard. His mom and dad were a comfort to me when my parents passed. Rest in peace Jimmy. You gave Waltrip a lot of pride.

Rebecca Clemons Riley

Rebecca Riley - May 12, 2023 at 07:28 PM



KG

“ Kathy Gollmitzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Earl Sheffield

Kathy Gollmitzer - May 12, 2023 at 04:26 PM





“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmy Earl Sheffield.*



May 12, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on behalf of the Waltrip High School Class of '67 in Houston, Texas. Jimmy made us all proud during very happy times.*

Pat Clooney King - May 12, 2023 at 12:54 PM