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GURNEE, ILLINOIS: James David Gaither, 73, formerly of Sherman, Texas died on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in Libertyville, Illinois.

James was born on August 3, 1938, to James C. and Estelene (Gillespie) in Knox City, Texas. He married Karen Jane Kent on September 13, 1958. He attended and graduated with a B.S. in mathematics in 1961 from Texas Technical College now Texas Tech University. James's career spanned the oil and gas industry, information services and managerial/consulting positions. He finished his career as a defense contracting consultant in Austin, Texas. James was an avid fisherman and he also enjoyed photography. He pursued his interest in genealogy for the last 20 years of his life researching the family trees of the Gaither, Kent, Gillespie, Ewing, Kisinger and McNeill families. He was a great storyteller and shared the information he collected through his family research with his family members. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed sharing with all who came into contact with him in life. He will be greatly missed by all who were touched by his loving, caring and compassionate nature.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years Karen Gaither of Gurnee, Illinois; his sons, Jim Gaither, Jr. and wife, Kathy, Kent Gaither and wife, Cindy, and Tim Gaither and partner, Bob Glueckert; his grandchildren Greg, Tahnee, and Grant Gaither, Nicole and John Glueckert; his brother, Tim Gaither and wife, Caroline; brothers in law, Ron Kent and wife, Judy and David Kent; other family members and a host of friends.

Memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Boyd with Rev. Ed Volfe officiating.

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