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### **James St. Clair, 73 of Lubbock formally of Morton**

James Thomas St. Clair III, a long-time resident of Morton, Texas, and recently of Lubbock, entered his eternal home on April 22, 2017, at the earthly age of 73. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Wesley Chapel at Lakeridge United Methodist Church. James was born August 12, 1943 in Lubbock to James and Lois (Fouts) St. Clair, two of the first merchants and civic leaders of Cochran County.

James, also known as Jim, Jimmy, and Judge, was a Texas Tech graduate and veteran of the U. S. Army where he served in Viet Nam with the Core of Engineers. After his discharge from the Army, he assumed the role of manager/owner of St. Clair's Department Store and Ben Franklin Variety Store until 2004. Jimmy was elected Cochran County Judge in 1998 and served in that position until 2013. During his tenure as Judge, he was on the Board of Directors of the South Plains Association of Governments, and served as president 2010-2012.

While living in Morton he was a member of the Lions Club, Little League, and the Morton Indian Booster Club where he served as president of each organization more than once. He was also a member of the City Council, the Masonic Lodge, Morton Country Club, American Legion, numerous boards at the First United Methodist Church in Morton, and the Cochran County Historical Committee. After moving to Lubbock, he became a member of the Lubbock Lions Club and Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

James is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Sue (Jones) St. Clair; sons, James T. St. Clair, IV, and wife Shanna, Chris St. Clair and wife Diana, and Stephen St. Clair and wife Katelin, all of Lubbock; siblings, John St. Clair and wife Janette of Lubbock, Kay Holland and husband James of Houston, and Mary Abbe and husband Mayland of Levelland; seven grandchildren, Madeleine, Emily, Abigail, Benton, Graham, Katy Jane, and Samuel; a mother-in-law, Ruth Jones; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends both old and new.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flower to the Cochran County Historical Committee or a charity of your choice in James' honor.

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