



## James Richard Denham

August 2, 1932 - April 14, 2020

James Richard Denham, 87, of Krugerville, TX, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in Krugerville. He was born August 2, 1932 in Lakeland, FL to Thomas Webster and Carrabelle (Maddox) Denham.

His family relocated to Eatonton, GA where he was raised on a dairy farm. He graduated from High School in Eatonton with a class of eighteen. His family moved to California in the 1950's, where he became a framer. Richard married Beverly Anne Markham from Long Beach, CA on July 6, 1956 in Bellflower, CA. He was a policeman for Los Angeles county, and later become the Chief of Police for Signal Hill, retiring after 22 years. He built multiple office warehouse buildings in Signal Hill and was on the bank board for Home Bank for 22 years, which later became US Bank. Richard was a resident of Signal Hill, Lakewood, Palos Verdes, and Palm Springs.

He moved to Texas in the mid 1980's and owned and operated Denham Ranch in Aubrey, TX. Richard built office warehouse buildings in Lewisville and Denton.

Richard was fun to be around. He made people feel welcome and always had time for people. His favorite greetings were: "Hello sweetie", "How are you doing old man", and "Great couldn't be better".

He was great to be with on trips. The whole family would travel together with a travel trailer to National Parks, the White House, Niagara's Falls, you name it. He was a great husband, father, grandpa, and friend. All that knew him have lost a friend.

Richard is survived by his wife, Beverly; three sons, James Richard Denham Jr. of Long Beach, CA, Garrett Theodore Denham of Allen, TX, and Brock James Denham of Krugerville, TX; four daughters, Cindy Ann Denham Chislock and husband Michael of Huntington Beach, CA, Kimberly Lee Walter and husband Eric of Krugerville, Sherry Denham Martin and husband Brian of Aubrey, TX, and Christy Lee Alambar and husband Norman of Krugerville, TX; fifteen grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

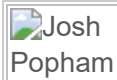
He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Carribelle; and two brothers, Tom Denham Jr. and Gilmore Denham.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00AM, Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of James Richard Denham, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

 Josh Popham

“ Richard was like my second father, his grandson Brock is my best friend. Richard taught me to be a man and work hard. “Treat your tools right and theyll treat you right” was a saying he told me and it stuck like glue. Great man God bless his sweet soul. See u soon old man love u for everything you taught me

Josh Popham - February 24, 2021 at 12:36 AM

SM

“ My Dad was one of my best friends. Somebody I loved spending time with. I could talk to him about anything. He was kind, had that southern hospitality. He was a true gentleman loved people. I hope one day I can be more like him. Love you and miss you Dad until we meet again

Sherry Denham Martin - April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ RIP Chief, You were a Great Boss, and good Friend....

Dan Cravens - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Richard hired me in 1969 and I worked for him until he retired from the police department in 1979. He was always smiling and friendly with everyone, until you messed up. He had ways for you to make things right that only he could pull off. He is going to be missed, but stories about him will continue. RIP Chief Denham.

Jon Ohman - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Great family man and always welcoming...*

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**Gerardo Macias** - April 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *I was so blessed to have the opportunity to spend time with Mr. Richard and some of the family last year. Those and other memories of good times are what gets us through this time in our lives. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Ruth Embry** - April 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Richard was a great person, always came to our little County Church Philadelphia UMC when visiting in Eatonton. He was my 1st Cousin and loved by us all. We will missed more than you know. Prayers for the family*

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**Doris Maddox Shupe** - April 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Richard was my first Chief and he hired me at only 20 yo, telling I best make him proud! I loved working for him, he had a great sense of humor and loved to stop and talk. RIP brother. You earned it*

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**Bergie Bergquist** - April 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I've known my Uncle Richard my whole life. He was a part of the fabric of my family and my dad's best friend. His brother - (my father) Gilmore passed last year - Richard came out weekly to be with his brother and called every single day. I was one of the gals that he called sweetie, little gal and he nicknamed me ..... "Tub"..... which I thought would drop once I got into adulthood.... but not with Uncle Richard! He was always friendly, always had a smile and a hug to give to his whole family and others he knew. He will be missed greatly. I mourn the loss of my Uncle Richard with my cousins. He will be remembered with such love and fondness. You will be missed Uncle Richard. Linda Denham Sparks

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**Linda Sparks** - April 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM