



## James Rendon Howard

May 26, 1953 - January 25, 2026

James “Jay” Rendon Howard of Dallas, Texas passed away, Sunday, January 25, 2026. He was born to Charles and Mellie Jo Rendon Howard, May 26, 1953, in Corsicana, Texas and married Denise Shontel Peterson May 30, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a proud father of his daughter, Hannah Jean Howard.

Jay discovered Slot Car racing when he lived in Lake Charles, LA, and when he moved to Wichita Falls TX, his passion for them really began. He spent every weekend at the track, developing life-long friends and a love of racing, community, and fun.

Jay moved to Hurst, TX his senior year of high school, and it was those little slot cars again that made moving just a bit easier. He was lucky to turn his passion into a career and into a family that sustained him for the rest of his life.

A loving husband, father, and brother, James “Slot Man” Howard found true

happiness

in bringing joy to others, and he did so with great conversation, unending love and the

best hugs his daughter, Hannah, could ask for.

So, whether you knew him as James, as Jay, or as Papa, you knew one of the most caring

and genuine people around.

The family will receive friends during visitation, Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 11:00AM

at the First Baptist Church in Kerens, Texas with a funeral service following at 12:00PM

with the Rev. Roger Marsh officiating. Burial will take place at Kerens City Cemetery, 725 CR 0185, Kerens, TX after the service is completed.

Jay is survived by his wife, Shontel and daughter Hannah of Dallas, Texas; brother-in-law,

Lance Peterson and wife Lacy and their sons, Kevin and Jake of Dallas, Texas; sister, Marsha

and husband Roger Marsh of Pilot Point and their sons, Caleb Marsh of Nashville, Tennessee

and Travis Marsh of Pilot Point, Texas; sister, Mindy and husband Morris Arnold of Cedar

Hill, and niece, Robbi Horvath of Austin and nephew, Franklin Horvath of Dallas.

On-line condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralcenter.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralcenter.com)

Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey, Texas.

Flowers can be ordered through Aubrey Florist  
(940) 365-9940

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Kerens  
200 SW 2nd St  
Kerens, TX 75144

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Kerens  
200 SW 2nd St  
Kerens, TX 75144

## Interment

FEB 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Kerens City Cemetery  
775 SE County Road 0185  
Kerens, TX 75144

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My brother was great. Everyone who knew him knew that. He had a way to find humor in everything and everyone would have a good laugh. He loved his slot cars. He loved his friends there. If you were lucky to know him you'll never forget him. I love my brother.*

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**Mindy Arnold** - January 29 at 08:20 PM