



Jim Shannon

1937-2025

James (Jim) Dennis Shannon, 88, of Houston, Texas passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025. James was fondly known by his wife, Judy, and close family as “Denny”. James was born in Houston, Texas on February 7, 1937 to Homer Shannon and Lillian Riley and spent his childhood and teenage years in the Houston area. James attended Stephen F. Austin High School and also played with the Houston area city softball leagues playing for the Epworth softball team in the mid-50’s. This experience came in handy as he coached his sons for many years in the Pearland Little League.

James received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He married his high school and college sweetheart Judy Williams in 1958. After college he worked for three years with RCA in New Jersey. They then returned to Texas and settled in the Pearland area (moving much later to Clear Lake City) where he started a 37-year career with NASA/Johnson Space Center starting with the Landing & Recovery group and primarily working within the Mission Operations Directorate providing support for Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, MIR and Shuttle programs. After retirement he focused on his hobbies – woodworking and creating beautiful large stained-glass Tiffany styled lamps in his studio.

Preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Judy, he is survived by their three children – twins Jennifer LeSturgeon (husband Greg) and Kenneth Shannon (wife Rona) and son John Shannon (wife Yvette). James is survived by nine grandchildren – Byron LeSturgeon (wife Patricia), Brendan LeSturgeon, Stephanie Corbridge (husband Justin), Daniel Shannon (wife Katie), Chris Shannon (wife Sierra), Keith Shannon, Scott Shannon, Sarabeth Shannon, and Charlotte Shannon. Twelve great-grandchildren – Evelyn LeSturgeon, Kinsler Corbridge, Braelynn Corbridge, Gwendolyn Corbridge, Wiley Shannon, Tyler Shannon, Adrian Shannon, Brody Shannon, Nolan Shannon, Finn Shannon, Mason Shannon and Cooper Shannon.

The family wishes to thank the nurses, caregivers and staff at The Cottages at Clear Lake for the excellent care, patience and compassion James received during his last two months. We would also like to thank his many Brookwood neighbors who helped him out over the years.

Friends are cordially invited to the visitation and service with the family on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, Texas 77546. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to our parent's favorite charities would be appreciated. These include The Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall, Houston, Texas www.houstonfoodbank.org/donate, The Star of Hope Mission, 6897 Ardmore, Houston, Texas 77054 www.sohmission.org or the SPCA of Houston, 900 Portway Dr., Houston, TX 77024 www.houstonspca.org.