



Mr. Rayburn Keith Chapman was born in Carthage, Texas on January 24, 1952. He passed this life on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 in Tyler, Texas. Keith was born to the marriage of Gloria Jean Smith and Rayburn Grady Chapman. He was raised and schooled in Carthage, Texas graduating from Carthage High School with the Bulldog class of 1970. Keith attended Panola College and the University of Texas in Austin where he obtained his bachelor's in accounting. He was a follower of Jesus Christ and of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Chapman spent 23 years in public accounting through the Chapman & Robinson, then Chapman & Williams CPA firms. He transitioned from public accounting to business brokerage, where he owned and operated Horizon Business Group. He was recognized as a lifetime certified business intermediary (CBI), Board Certified Broker (BCB), and a Fellow of the M&A Source. He was a past president of the Texas Association of Business Brokers and co-authored five courses in the industry. Mr. Chapman held many civic positions of leadership in his community which led to him being named Citizen of the Year in Carthage, Texas. He served as past president of both the Carthage Lions Club and Panola County Chamber of Commerce, was active in the Sunrise Rotary Club of Tyler, served on the boards of Servants of Christ International, and as commissioner of the Dixie Baseball League, as well as a devoted member of Green Acres Baptist Church Safety Team. He loved hunting, fishing, working at the farm, and flying, having held his pilot's license for over 47 years, but his family was his heart.

Keith never shirked a task! He never met a stranger and was always a man of his word. He was quick to lend a helping hand to anyone with anything, big or small and led by example. His faith and personal walk with God impacted many! He will forever be remembered as a loyal and cherished friend, father, grandfather, uncle, and husband.

Mr. Chapman is survived by his loving wife, Christa Chapman of Tyler; daughter, Mandy Powell and husband Michael of Carthage; step children, Tyler Fleet and wife Erin of Tyler, TX; Tanner Emery and girlfriend Meghan Judd of Frisco, TX; Jake Hardin and wife Morgan of Burleson, TX; Nick Hardin and wife Kelli of Houston, TX; grandchildren Miles Powell, Miller Powell and wife Gracie, Mason Powell, Molly Powell, Everly Joy Fleet, Eli, Braxton and Grayson Hardin and Hudley, Riley and Weston Hardin. He is preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, J.R. Brannon and his beloved son, Kerie Chapman.

The family suggests memorials be made to Kingdom Life Academy or Servants of Christ International.



Rayburn Keith Chapman

January 24, 1952 ~ June 10, 2025



Funeral Service

10:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2025
Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
Carthage, Texas

Officiating

Rev. Jim Walters
Mr. Mike Parker
Mr. Joel Enge

Special Music

"I Can Only Imagine"
"Amazing Grace"
"When I Get To Where I'm Going"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Interment

Gary Cemetery
Gary, Texas

Pallbearers

Miles Powell

Miller Powell

Mason Powell

Jason Price

Jake Hardin

Nick Hardin

Honorary Pallbearers

Randy Taylor

Mike Parker

Steve Roberson

Ronnie Wolfe

Dave Robinson

Malcolm Alford

Bob Christianson



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