



**jack lanham**

Jack Dan Lanham, 66 years young, went to be with the Lord Friday, July 4, 2014 in Houston, TX at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Jack was born February 19, 1948 in Childress, TX, to Ruby (Atkisson) Lanham and the late Joe Bob Lanham. His family later moved to Graham, TX, where he attended school and graduated from Graham High School in 1966. He married Jo Beth (Scott) Gipson in 1968, and they had two children. Jack graduated from West Texas State University with a B.S in Biology in 1970. He had a very successful career selling medical devices and equipment for several different companies. His love for medicine and his desire to help others eventually led him to his true professional calling as a health care provider. Jack went back to school at West Texas A&M University and received a B.S in nursing in 1998. He went on to obtain his masters at Texas A&M Corpus Christi to become a family nurse practitioner in 2001. He worked for several hospitals in San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley, choosing the Emergency Room for its fast paced environment. His sense of humor, and ability as a care giver earned the respect and love of his coworkers. Jack married Diana Martinez Lanham on December 19, 1997. He and Diana loved to travel and enjoyed visiting family and friends. Diana never left his side on his final journey home. Jack's love of medicine was only topped by the love for his family and fishing! He loved fishing the Gulf Coast, and any other coast for that matter. Cancer couldn't even put a stop to that. Fishing is also what helped bring him to know Christ. Jack's strong faith in the Lord gave him comfort and incredible strength in his

final days. He will be forever remembered as a loving husband and father and for his incredible sense of humor. Survivors include his wife, Diana Lanham of Seguin, TX; mother, Ruby Lanham of Weatherford, TX; sons Kelly Lanham and wife Christy of Graham, TX, and Casey Lanham and wife Lindsay of Houston, TX, five grandchildren, Jake (14), Hunter (12), Riley (8) of Graham, TX and Walker (4) and granddaughter, Hollis (4 mos.) of Houston, TX, his cousin Ted Jones of Childress, TX, stepchildren Jaime Martinez and wife Meagan of Houston, TX, Mirna Soto and husband Charlie of Eagle Pass, TX and Lolo Martinez and wife Jessica of Cotulla, TX, step grandchildren, Noe Martinez (5), Marcus Martinez (3), Aidan Soto (11), Klarissa Soto (9) Randi Martinez (17), Jasmine Martinez (15), Leodoro Martinez IV (11) A memorial service celebrating his life will be at 6:30 PM Friday, July 18, 2014 at Gruene Methodist Church in Gruene, TX. Graveside services will be at 7:00 PM Saturday, July 19, 2014 in Childress Cemetery in Childress, TX. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Gruene Methodist Church Building Fund 2629 E. Common Street New Braunfels, TX 78130 (p) 830-625-7200 Gruene Methodist Church