

James Merritt Beck, 72, died Aug. 31, 2015. He was born June 30, 1943 in Riverside, Calif., with the name Orville Merritt Borden.

James retired as a Sergeant for the Austin Police Department after 28 years of service. He then continued his law enforcement career working as a police officer for the Lockhart Police Department and Saint Edwards Police Department.

He earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from St. Edward's University. He enjoyed scouting, gardening, fishing and researching genealogy.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Beck; two sons, Jim Beck and wife, Brande, and Scott Beck and wife, Brandy; and four grandsons, Calvin, Jonathan, Jason and Jacob.

A graveside service was scheduled at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, at the Lockhart City Cemetery with a Celebration of life to follow at the First Lockhart Baptist Church.