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James Schleis, 61

Dec. 29, 1942 - Aug. 25, 2004

HOUSTON, TX – James Paul Schleis was born Dec. 29, 1942, in Fort Jackson, SC, to Stella and Leo (Short) Schleis. He attended school in Mapleton and Panama, and completed his education in the United States Airforce.

Jim married Mary Ellen Musfeldt in Westphalia, May 8, 1965, and spent most of his adult life as an owner and trainer of thoroughbred race horses. He died Aug. 25, 2004, in Houston, TX, at age 61.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Leo (Short) Schleis; and his wife, Mary Schleis. He is survived by his mother, Stella (Schleis) Hodapp; siblings, John Schleis of The Woodlands, TX; Nancy (Joe) Gagnon of Baldwin Park, CA; Patsy (Larry) Adams of Spring, TX; Mike Schleis of Council Bluffs; Jeanie Konz of The Woodlands, TX; Bob (Laurie) Schleis of The Woodlands, TX; and Richard (Shelby) Schleis of Washington; and children, Todd Schleis of Omaha, NE; Shonda (Jeff) Blum of Neola; Casey Schleis of Des Moines; and Kevin Schleis of The Woodlands, TX; and grandchildren, Samantha, Johanna and Jack Blum of Neola; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A visitation was held at Arrowhead State Park in Neola Sept. 1, 2004.