Mr. James William Hutsell, Jr., age 70, of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2009, in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Hutsell was born June 30, 1942, in Mart, Texas, and had lived most of his lifetime in Crockett. Mr. Hutsell was a member of the Latexo Volunteer Fire Department, Houston County Search and Rescue and Latexo School Board from 1980 to 1981. He served as City Counselman of Latexo and was also a member of the Ephesus Baptist Church. Mr. Hutsell was formerly the owner and operator of J's Food Mart in Latexo, Alto and Wells and had also owned and operated Hutsell Plumbing. He was an avid stock car racer and drag racer having owned and operated his own race car.

Survivors include his daughters Sherri Lewis and husband Rodney, of Latexo and Sheila Sims and husband Kevin, of Crockett; grandchildren (He loved and cherished); Gene Olea (Trey) Allen III, Brittni Sims, Lacee Taylor, Tyler Taylor and Kanisa Hutsell; his children's mother and dear friend: Wanda Cutler Alderman, of Latexo; sisters Barbara Humphreys and husband Lamar, of Tomball; Mary Stevens, of Spring and Linda Simmons and husband Jerry, of Houston; brother Emery Wisenbaker and wife Alena, of Monassas, Va.; aunt and uncles Agnes Millican, of Austin, W. M. Freeman and Richard Freeman, both of Houston; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his parents James William Hutsell and Nettie Inez (Freeman) Hutsell; sons-in-law Gene Olvera; Allen II and David Taylor; brother-in-law Roger Stevens; and niece Crystal Wisenbaker.

Funeral Services for Mr. James William Hutsell, Jr. were held Saturday, January 2, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Thompson officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery.