

JAMES ALEXANDER "JIM" BOYD OBT.

b. 28 September 1914, Ladonia, Fannin Co., TX,

d. 11 March 1993, Dallas, TX

Parents: William Lemuel "Lem" Boyd Sr. (1869-1926) &
Mary Jane "Mollie" Jared (1876-1952)

Wife: Jimmie Mae Marion md 28 Sept. 1939, Allen, TX

Buried: Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas Co., TX

Plot: Acacia Lawn Lot 426 Space 4

Services Today In Dallas For Performer Jim Boyd:
The Dallas Morning News, Saturday, 13 March 1993, pg. 34A.

Services for Jim Boyd, a long-time local country-western radio and TV performer, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Restland Funeral Home Chapel in Dallas.



Mr. Boyd, 78, died of lung cancer Thursday at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

The native of Ladonia, TX, moved to Dallas in 1926 in search of work at radio stations. He was hired by WFAA radio and became a regular performer in 1932.

Mr. Boyd worked and recorded about 300 songs from 1934 to 1951 with his brother, Bill and the Cowboy Ramblers, a country-western band. Mr. Boyd also was a staff musician on WRR radio and appeared with Roy Newman and His Boys on the noon variety show. He also appeared on many other country-westerns radio shows, said his wife,

Jimmie Marion Boyd.

In 1938, Mr. Boyd joined the Light Crust Doughboys band. Three years later, he formed Jim Boyd and His Men of the West. His group appeared on the *Saturday Night Shindig*, *Big D. Jamboree* and *Early Birds Show* radio programs. Mr. Boyd and his group also appeared on several KRLD country-westerns shows and provided background music for performers such as James Cagney, Bob Hope, Gary Cooper, Bill Elliott, Tex Ritter and Justin Wilson.

Mr. Boyd performed on various local television shows and at the Grand Ole Opry and the Louisiana Hayride theaters. He also performed with the Sons of the Pioneers and Roy Rogers. In 1942, he appeared in *Tumbleweed Trail*, a western movie that starred his brother.

Other survivors include daughters, Marion Keegan of Dallas and Dede Pitts of DeSoto; a sister, Virgie Smith of Dallas; and four granddaughters.

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Note: 3 songs were played at the funeral of James Alexander "Jim" Boyd according to family members. The songs were: "One Day at a Time", "The Other Side of the Valley" and "How Great Thou Art". His daughter played the bass fiddle in these songs. A large crowd at the funeral listened to recordings of Jim Boyd's music.

*Musician. Born in Ladonia, Texas, he was Western swing music artist whom sang and played stand-up sting bass with his brother Bill in "Bill Boyd & His Cowboy Ramblers", from 1932 to 1951. For RCA Records, they recorded over 200 hit singles to include "Mama Don't Like No Music", "Saturday Night Rag", "Under the Double Eagle" "Going Back to My Texas Home" and "Ramblers Rag". Together they were in a half-dozen Hollywood Westerns in the 1940s, such as "Tumbleweed Trail" (1942), "Raiders of the West" (1942) and "Texas Man Hunt". He also performed at the Grand Ol Opey with Roy Rogers and his "Sons of the Pioneers". (bio by: [John "J-Cat" Griffith](#))



The 1980s Doughboys. Left to right: Johnny Strawn, Smokey Montgomery, Bill Simmons, Jerry Elliott, and Jim Boyd.



The Doughboys in the '70s. Left to right: Carroll Hubbard, Jim Boyd, Smokey Montgomery, Burney Annett, and Jerry Elliott.



The Doughboys are presented with Texas Senate Resolution #463, honoring the music and tradition of the band, at the state capitol, 1977. Left to right: Secretary of State Mark White, announcer Walter Hailey, Jim Boyd, Smokey Montgomery, Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Burney Annett, Jerry Elliott, Johnny Strawn, and State Sen. Peyton McKnight.