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Abstract: **Jim Gammill**

Mr. Gammill was born in Louisiana in 1933 and moved to the Houston area with his family in 1966 working in the oil industry. Jim served for several years as a council member for City of Missouri City. A park was named in his honor.

Later, he moved his family to Valley Lodge and eventually served as the second mayor of Simonton, 1996-2002. The two major concerns during Jim's tenure were limited resources and drainage. Now retired, he and his wife enjoy their hunting ranch in Live Oak County with grand kids.

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Mr. Jimmy Dale Gammill died on January 15, 2017. His obituary may be viewed at:
<https://www.knesekefuneralhome.com/obituary/4318887>

Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Jim Adolphus – former county judge
 Maurice Berkman – first mayor of Simonton
 Lou Breaudeau – fourth mayor of Simonton
 Earl & Clara Browning – influential residents
 John Knox – former mayor of Missouri City
 Daniel McJunkin – current mayor of Simonton
 Doug Sabasuta – third mayor of Simonton

Places / Businesses

Community Church
 Fondren Park subdivision
 Fort Bend County
 Jim Gammill Park
 Harris County
 Houston, Texas
 Louisiana Tech University
 Merrouge, Louisiana
 Missouri City, Texas
 Quail Valley Subdivision
 Simonton, Texas
 Simonton Round-Up Rodeo

Valley Lodge Subdivision

Weston Lakes

Events

Born in Louisiana in 1933, Jim graduated from Louisiana Tech University and moved to Texas to work in the oil field industry.

He and his family moved to Fondren Park where he was instrumental in getting land purchased for a park and fix the pool. The park was named in his honor.

Then they moved to Quail Valley in Missouri City. Jim served on city council before moving to Valley Lodge in Simonton.

Again, he got involved in politics and served as mayor from 1996-2002.

Limited resources and drainage were his two major concerns during his tenure.

Today, he is retired and fighting a losing battle with squirrels. He and his wife own a ranch in Live Oak County where they enjoy time with family and grandchildren.