

# Obituary: James Edward Healer

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**James Edward Healer** of Greenville, who served various Texas Baptist churches as a minister of music, youth and education, died March 19. He was 75. He was born on March 25, 1946, to Francis Edward "F.E." and Mary Louise (Cook) Healer in Merkel and grew up in Sweetwater. He surrendered to the gospel ministry in 1965 and was a 1971 graduate of North Texas State University, earning a bachelor's degree in music education. He was band director in Forney, Malakoff, Waxahachie, Troup, Anson, Ingram and Roscoe, while also serving as a bivocational minister of music and youth. In 1979, he earned a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He went to serve as full-time minister of music and education at churches in Midland and Kerrville, as well as in Centerville, Ohio. From 1996 until his retirement in 2013, he worked as a corporate trainer and quality control analyst. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Judy, of Greenville; son Jim and wife Monica of McKinney; son Jason and wife Debbie of Fort Worth; son Jared and wife Dana of Aubrey; two granddaughters and eight grandsons.

