



James Earl Richardson

June 22, 1946 - July 15, 2021

James "Jim" Earl Richardson of McKinney, Texas passed away on July 15, 2021 at the age of 75. Jim was born on June 22, 1946 to Warren William Richardson and Jewel Ruth (Ashen) Richardson in Houston, Texas. He attended school in Buna, Texas where in the 1st grade, he first met his future wife, JoAnn Anderson. They became high school sweethearts that extended to best friends for life. Jim was a high achiever and hard worker as marked by being his class's student body president and playing basketball as a State Basketball Champion. His athleticism allowed him to continue to play college ball on a full scholarship. We still speak of his quickness and ability to jump. After completing his bachelor's degree, Jim received the call from Uncle Sam to serve our country. This is a call that he did not take lightly and carried on until the day he died. He proceeded to fly in the F4 as a Weapons System Officer in Air Force. He served in the Black Sheep Squadron in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. This included, being a River Rat having flown over North Vietnam in combat. After his 5 active service years, he pursued a career in hospital administration, as well as serving an additional 15 years in the Texas National Guard (flying F101 Voodoos and F4 Phantoms). His hospital administration career spanned over 35 years, which enabled him to travel and work all over the country.

Jim, also answered to the names Jimmy, Daddy and later Papa. His family was his world and he took the role as provider and protector, as serious as any man on this Earth. As a gentle man, who hated conflict, he became an excellent negotiator. He was an avid Texas historian and spent the later years acting in the Texas Army in their battle re-enactments. Texas trivia game play and our long American family history was common talk at our dinner table. There are few people that have not heard of our ancestors and their treks across country to form this great nation. This is a memory of our father that will be cherished for our lifetimes. He continued to fight for our country in recent years as an active member of the Republican party serving as a precinct chair. He always was the first to show up when help was needed and never to back down from something he felt was right. He was our American Patriot, hero, husband, father and grandfather. He was ours.

Jim was preceded in death by his immediate family. He lost his brother, John, suddenly at the young age of 24 and his father, Warren the following year. His mother Jewel passed away in 1997 when he was 51. We take comfort knowing he

is now in the arms of his family who he has missed so much.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, JoAnn; his daughter, Teri Roberson (Shawn) and his son, Jim Richardson (Heather). He was a wonderful Papa to his grandchildren, Bailee Bloodworth, Avrie Cole (Dylan), Jimmy Richardson, Warren Richardson, Carley Roberson and Luke Roberson.

Jim also leaves behind lifetime friends and in-laws, Mary and Charles Chestnut, Donna and John Cummings, nieces, nephews and several cousins. He will also be missed by friends and travel companions Jan and Ron Stanley, Tom and Johnnie Faye Harper, and Sharon and Ronnie Baxter.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Jim's obituary page by clicking on the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/james-earl-richardson>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location. Following the service, a reception will be held with refreshments. Interment with full military honors will be held at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

The family will receive friends during a visitation on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas.

If would like to make a donation in Jim's name for the River Rats.

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Memorials

Our hearts break for you, JoAnn and your family. Praying for you. God Bless you!

WOODY & CORA LYNN WOODALL , JULY 23, 2021

My prayers are with you today.

LOIS MCMAKEN, JULY 23, 2021

JoAnn and Family - May you all find peace and comfort in this time of sorrow. Jim was a great aviator and friend. It was an honor to know, work, and fly with him.

ED DIBELLO, JULY 22, 2021

I was happy to take Jim to the last meeting of the Air Force Association. He was a true patriot, a good friend, and it was an honor to have known him.

THOMAS KLEIN, JULY 22, 2021

JoAnn, my heart breaks for you and your family. I remember Jim as Jimmy. I remember him as a quite, confident guy. I remember him as a friend to all in high school. I remember him as an outstanding scholar. I remember him as an

extra ordinary athlete among great Buna athletes. I remember him as goal oriented. I remember him as a patriot. I remember him as a friend. I remember him as the eternal love of my best friend. Jim will be greatly missed by all. I love you and you and your family are always in my prayers.

NITA WELCH, JULY 22, 2021

Dear JoAnn and Family, I was greatly saddened to hear we have lost Jim. He and I shared some great memories of flying together during our Blacksheep Reunion in San Antonio. A great aviator and wonderful man. He is in my prayers as are you and the family.

SANDY SHARPE, JULY 21, 2021

Dear JoAnn and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. You and Jim have always been strong supporters of the Black Sheep family. I can't forget my trip to the hospital for a hernia operation during our Austin reunion when Jim used his hospital contacts to ensure I was well taken care of. Your takeover of the San Antonio reunion turned out to be a big success. Jim will be sorely missed.

PAT AND PAUL RAUDENBUSH, JULY 19, 2021

JoAnn he is in GODS hands now and knows the hurt you are feeling now. You are a strong lady and with GODS help you will get thru this. Love and our prayers are with you. Love Terrie and Gary Richardson

JAMES GARY RICHARDSON, JULY 19, 2021

JoAnn, bout you and Jim have been a great asset of the 8th Tac Ftr Sqdn "Black Sheep". As a unit we deployed to Germany, various other deployments, and to Takhli during the summer of 1972. Before that, we participated in a 12th Air Force Air Power Demonstration (Gallant Hand) at Bergstrom AFB in Texas. I remember and a few other wives drove to Austin during that exercise to be with us while we were there. Of course on the last day you all were still there and had to make the long drive back home. We left after the exercise, flying back to Holloman in about 1 1/2 hours, while you had about a 10 hour drive ahead of you. What dedication for togetherness! Great memories will linger a long time of Jim and his magnetic warmth and friendship. We appreciate

everything you accomplished for the San Antonio reunion and cherish knowing you all these years. I have known Jim over 3/4 of my life and looked forward to seeing every time we had a chance. Our condolences and prayers are with you and your family. Godspeed. Joe S



JOE SHRIBER, JULY 18, 2021

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skys on laughter silvered wings...Put out my hand, and touched the face of God. J.G.M. Jr Hunk - 8th TFS Black Sheep

BRUCE HUNEKE - 8TH TFS, JULY 18, 2021

Dear JoAnn, Teri, Jim and the entire Richardson family: Words cannot express our sorrow in learning of Colonel Jim's passing. Please know that while we may be thousands of miles away, and unable to attend the celebration of his life with you all, our presence will be with you all in prayer and spirit. All who knew Jim have recognized that over his richly distinguished lifetime, he has constantly demonstrated an unyielding and fervent love of his family, his nation, and his Savior. Rest in peace, old warrior. Until Valhalla.

KERRY & CONSTANCE SPAULDING, JULY 18, 2021

JoAnn you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. How blessed we are to have you and Jim as friends. We love you and are with you in spirit. Sending you a hug. In Christian love, Paul and Lynn Webb

LYNN WEBB, JULY 17, 2021

To Jo & Family. Love & prayers for your heart ache in the lose of Jim. Jim was a special person so friendly to everyone.

JAMYE & SARA, JULY 17, 2021

We have no words to say how much we will miss Jim. Our love for Jim and Joann was accumulated for 75 years and those memories will never be lost. We only find solitude in knowing that Jesus told us that those who love him join him in Paradise. Jim is now soaring in Heaven and the angels are his co-pilots. Heavenly Father, please take Jim under your wings and take incredible

care of him until we join him again in your presence.

TOM AND JOHNNIE HARPER, JULY 17, 2021

Sending my love to all! Jimmy was a wonderful person who enriched the lives of all who knew him! My heart is warmed to know that John, Warren, and Jewel are rejoicing together! May our Father in Heaven watch over Jimmy's family and give them peace.

ALICE PARKER, JULY 17, 2021

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