



James Maynard Wolfe

December 21, 1947 - July 18, 2020

James Maynard Wolfe of Chestertown, MD passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020 at his home, due to chronic complications from a combat injury. He was 72.

Born December 21, 1947 in Long Beach, California, he was the son of the late John M. and Mildred G. Wolfe.

Jim enlisted in the United States Army in 1968. He was a door gunner crewman in the 281st Assault Helicopter Company. In December 1968, during the Vietnam War, he was on a UH-1H helicopter, when it crashed near Da Lat, Vietnam, destroying the aircraft and injuring the entire crew; the commanding officer described that “James was ensuring that the passengers on board were prepared for the impending impact during the descent.”

As a lifetime student, Jim graduated from Washington College, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1977 and then his Master’s degree in psychology in 1993.

During his younger years Jim enjoyed motorcycles and cars. He always loved sailing and enjoyed guns and building model cars and boats. He would never turn down a cold Coca-Cola or a slice of cheesecake.

Jim always enjoyed traveling. From a young age he traveled the world with his family during his father's service in the Navy, including an extended tour in Japan. He enjoyed traveling all over the United States as well. The time he spent with friends during extended trips to Mexico and his many winters in Florida were some of his fondest memories.

He was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Robert Wolfe.

He is survived by his daughters, Emily Wise of Chestertown, MD, Sarah Severs (Ryan) of Centreville, MD, granddaughter Parker Lynn Severs of Centreville, MD, his sister Susan Ridgely (Don) of Severn, MD, his nephews and niece, Benjamin, Robert and Margaret Ridgely and many lifelong friends.

A private service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, Lanham, MD or Compass Regional Hospice, Centreville, MD.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Maynard Wolfe*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Maynard Wolfe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Maynard Wolfe*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My brother Ron Eaker was a close friend of Jim during high school. I still have vivid images of Ron and “Wolf” and a bunch of other guys working on an old Chevy in front of our house. I always remembered he was the only one that paid attention to Ron’s “little brother” ...he would chase me around the yard. I was in my house when Jim came by to see Ron after his discharge. It has been over 50 years and I still remember the quiet discussion they had in the dining room. A moment that impacted me for my entire life. I lost Ron 6 years ago in a motorcycle accident. I always wondered what happened to “wolf”. I always viewed him as a hero. Please accept my prayers and thoughts. Respectfully, Andy Eaker*

Andy Eaker - August 03, 2020 at 01:18 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Stafford lit a candle in memory of James Maynard Wolfe*



Sharon Stafford - July 24, 2020 at 07:08 AM

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Hugs to Sarah & Emily

Sharon Stafford - July 24, 2020 at 07:09 AM

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“ *Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of James Maynard Wolfe*



shirley Foster - July 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM

PH

“ *Really sorry to hear this. RIP Jim 🙏*



pam hickman - July 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ Anne Spray lit a candle in memory of James Maynard Wolfe



Anne Spray - July 21, 2020 at 04:19 PM

LC

“ Sarah and Emily, my heart breaks for you girls. Jim's personality lives through you both. He sacrificed his health for a lifetime in service to our country. Thank you for sharing his life with us through this memorial.



Lynne Coats - July 21, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of James Maynard Wolfe



Lori Collier - July 21, 2020 at 11:40 AM