



James "Jim" K Swaffar

May 7, 1947 - December 12, 2023

In place of flowers, donations may be made in his name to American Legion Post 1038, Valhalla, New York.

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27 Legion Drive,
Valhalla, NY 10595

James K. "Jim" Swaffar passed away on December 12, 2023, at the age of 76 years old. He was born on May 7, 1947, in Altus, Oklahoma, to the late William "Bill" Swaffar and the late Bessie Levonia Swaffar. He attended Elk City High School and proudly played football as an offensive and defensive lineman. He graduated from Elk City in 1965, going on to play football at Cameron Junior College. He then went on to attend Oklahoma State University, where he graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

On October 28, 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to West Germany as an 1174 with the air defense artillery. He was a 1st Lieutenant and forward area weapons platoon leader. Jim received the Army Commendation Medal, the Medal of Good Conduct, and the National Defense Medal. Jim was then placed in a reserve unit based out of St. Louis.

After serving, he relocated to Houston, Texas, where he was an accountant for Texaco Pipeline Inc. for 30 years. There he married Lynn Chernosky, to whom he was married for many years. Jim was an active volunteer for numerous events and charities. Upon retiring from oil and gas, Jim spent his time umpiring baseball and volunteering at St. Luke's Hospital in the Houston Medical Center, where he accumulated more than 9,000 volunteer hours. His life was filled with countless hours of helping and caring for people. He loved and served, wanting nothing in return. The times Jim was happiest were when he was out fishing in Missouri City, TX—catfish was his all-time favorite to catch. Jim was quite the cook in the kitchen as well, known for his cajun style of cooking—loved by all were his perfectly cooked eggs, jambalaya, Texas chili, steak & mashed potatoes with cream gravy, and New England clam chowder, amongst many other homemade soup renditions.

Jim is survived by his three loving children: Jim Jr, Andrew and his wife Jaclyn, and Catherine and her husband Jeremy. He also has two grandchildren, Oliver and Benjamin. He always enjoyed his time with his extended families: the Perrys, the Bannerots, the Rumseys, the Leshikars, the Duggers, the Parkers, and the Chernoskys.

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Previous Events

Cremation Private

DEC 14 (ET)

Ferncliff Cemetery
280 Secor Rd.
Hartsdale, NY 10530

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Memorial Service

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 631-0621
info@dwyermichaels.com
<https://www.dwyermichaelsfh.com>

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Military Honors

DEC 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tarrytown, NY 10591

Tribute Wall

JO

“ James I didn't know your father but by the stories and memories you shared with me and the lives he has impacted, impressed upon me how humble and self sacrificing he was in all he did. The memories you take with you of your father are moments that have shaped you and will continue to build you up in those same attributes for years to come. May the Lords presence be your strength as he guides you and the family moving forward.

*In Christ
Johnny*

Johnny - March 04, 2024 at 11:59 AM

AN

“ Jim, I'm so sorry about your dad, I know he was your whole world and you were so good to him, my deepest condolences to you



Angelina - January 10, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DE

“ I ve take a tree in memory of you father my Friend. With this tree you r father's spirit live for a centurys
With all our friendly from France.
You re brother in arm, Stephane.D

desreumaux - December 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" K Swaffar.

December 19, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ My memory of Jimmy Swaffar is that of a high school classmate. Jimmy has been a devout man whose concern was for his family and who has endeavored to help those around him in whatever way he could. He will be missed, but I have no doubt that he's having a great reunion now in Heaven with parents and friends!

Lisa Whittington - December 18, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ It was an Honor to know POP! He was a straight shooter and a kind soul. He will be missed. RIP Pops.

Marty - December 18, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



December 18, 2023 at 09:09 AM

LM

“ Love Ashley & Matt purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



Love Ashley & Matt - December 17, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



December 17, 2023 at 08:32 PM

CR

“ I'll never forget his kindness... On Thanksgiving (and other family get-togethers), he was always busy helping - in the kitchen, helping to cook or wash dishes, or anything else that was needed.

Never sitting around, waiting to be served. He saw a need and never waited to be asked- he got busy helping.

The wonderful memories of going to Foxfire cabins in west Texas, family vacations to Galveston, watching (and laughing at) Wayne's World with Greg and the rest of cousins.

Every year, he never forgot to send me a birthday or anniversary card. He was humble and ALWAYS respectful, no matter the occasion, no matter the person, no matter the culture. Great example of a man.

Clark Rumsey - December 17, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 17, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *It was an honor to know 'Pop'. Such a kind and generous man. He always loved taking care of people and had a lot of wisdom to share. You will be missed. Praying for you and the Swaffar family. God bless you.*



Joe T - December 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 17, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *From The Harmon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*

From The Harmon Family - December 17, 2023 at 11:51 AM

JO

“ Pops, I will always cherish our sports conversations! And I am honored to be the proud owner of the only picture of you snuggled up in a Dallas Cowboys blanket after my 2020 Super Bowl party! You will be greatly missed at all our gatherings! Until we meet again, love you!!



James Ortoli - December 17, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



December 17, 2023 at 08:11 AM

NR

“ Nancy, Chuck, Julie and Ryan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



Nancy, Chuck, Julie and Ryan - December 16, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 16, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Fida Majzoub planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*

Fida Majzoub - December 16, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 16, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 16, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 16, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" K Swaffar.

December 16, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 16, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Go rest high, Pops.
Sending prayers of comfort and peace for all who love you.
- The King Family*



Amy King - December 16, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ - purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



-- December 15, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



December 15, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



December 15, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *The Delta Raiders of Vietnam* purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.



The Delta Raiders of Vietnam - December 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 15, 2023 at 07:59 AM



Katherine Cruz

“ *God bless you always Jim* ❤️❤️❤️



Katherine Cruz - December 15, 2023 at 07:55 AM

EW

It is with heavy hearts we have received the tragic news of Jim's passing. May the Lord bring the Swaffar family peace and comfort. Delta Raiders of Vietnam.

Eric Weir - December 15, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*

December 15, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 15, 2023 at 05:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" K Swaffar.*



December 14, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Jim and I served together in the Army at Fort Bliss Texas and Budingen Germany. He was an officer who was admired by all his troops. He was a leader and motivator of men. Jim was a good friend to me, my wife and all our fellow officers and their families.*

I will miss his frequent calls teasing me about the losing ways of my Cleveland Indians (aka Guardians) and Cleveland Browns.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Bill Maltarich

William Maltarich Jr - December 14, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *R.I.P. "NEVER FORGOTTEN" THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.*

Carlo - December 14, 2023 at 11:51 AM

CA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Carlo - December 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM