



James Berkley Massey

October 16, 1946 - July 26, 2018

Mr. James B. Massey, 71

James B. (J.B.) Massey died on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at Maury Regional Hospital, Columbia, TN. He was 71.

A native of Grapevine, Arkansas, James (J.B.) was the husband of Georgia K. Massey of Nunnely, Tennessee. J.B. was the son of the late William Berkley Massey and Mildred Milem Massey of Grapevine, Arkansas.

J.B. enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 at the age of seventeen. He served two tours in Vietnam, where he was involved in a helicopter crash in 1966 while serving as a doorgunner. J.B. received numerous awards while serving in the military including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star for Valor, the Air Medal with 16 clusters and 1-V for Valor, and the Army Commendation Medal with 2 clusters. While in the military, J.B. served in Germany, performed field exercises in Turkey, served in Vietnam, and several military installations in the states. J.B. retired as a CW3 (Chief Warrant Officer 3) from the U.S. Army in 1984 after twenty years of service. J.B.'s first love was helicopters, particularly the UH1. He flew, inspected, tested, took them apart and put them back together. J.B. spent the next twenty years employed by a private contractor to the military working on helicopters – the UH1, the OH58, the

CH47, and UH60. During his time as a private contractor, J.B. was in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Germany; Bosnia-Herzegovina; Egypt; Italy; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and several other locations in the states. J.B. retired in 2003.

In 2012, J.B. and his wife, Georgia, moved from Savannah, Georgia, to Nunnely, Tennessee. J.B. was a lifetime member of VFS and a Mason. J.B. was an avid gardener and sportsman who enjoyed hunting and spending time on his pontoon fishing on the Tennessee River.

In addition to his wife, Georgia, J.B. is survived by his son, James C. (Tina) Massey of Clarksville, Tennessee; son, Jay Massey of Clarksville, TN; stepdaughter, Mollie (Paul) Tobias of Pinehurst, NC; stepdaughter, Maggie Strieder of Germany; and stepdaughter, Belma Taso of Germany; as well as ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. J.B. is also survived by his aunt, Mavis Marie James of Spokane Valley, Washington; one sister, Shirley Diann Hall Rhoades of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and half-sister, Dorthy Freeman of Savannah, Georgia. J.B. was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mildred Massey, brother, William (Bill) Massey, and half-sister, Sybil Loreen Massey Davis.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Memorial Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Massey lit a candle in memory of James Berkley Massey*



Susan Massey - August 03, 2018 at 06:48 PM

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“ *James, Jay and Georgia, so sorry for your loss. may you find great comfort in good memories. He was a great brother.....Diann*



Diann Hall Rhoades - July 30, 2018 at 06:44 PM

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Thank you

James Massey - February 15, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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“ *Went to school at Grapevine and am saddened to hear about his passing. He was a long ago friend and classmate. Even though it has been too long since we visited, his memory brings a smile. Our sympathy to your family and may GOD Bless with comfort and strength in the days ahead. Kenny & Dianne Ashcraft*

Kenny Ashcraft - July 30, 2018 at 11:56 AM

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Thank you for your kind words.

James Massey - February 15, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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James Massey - July 30, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ *My memories of my father go back many years. He was always an outdoorsman, enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening.*



James Massey - July 30, 2018 at 11:01 AM