



Jimmy Donald Carver

December 11, 1937 - January 1, 2019

Jimmy Donald Carver, 81, of Foley, Alabama passed away on January 1, 2019. He was born in Foreman, Arkansas on December 11, 1937, to John Thomas Carver and Sarah Arabelle “Belle” Carver. Jim graduated from Foreman High School as the valedictorian of his class in 1955. He left for upstate New York to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. He played 150 lb football (now called Sprint Football) at the Academy. He graduated in 1960 and entered the United States Air Force. His military career in the USAF spanned 27 years.

Jim married Robin Jane Barbor in 1960 just after graduation from West Point and they moved to Forbes AFB, in Topeka, Kansas for his first assignment as a launch officer for the Atlas InterContinental Ballistic Missiles. In 1963 he entered navigator training at James Connally AFB in Waco, Texas. Following his training and the pinning on of his navigator wings in 1964 he was assigned to a C-130 squadron at Sewart AFB, in Smyrna, Tennessee. He served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1966 flying missions from Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan. While there he was selected to be on the flight crew that flew Bob Hope and his Christmas USO tour through Vietnam in 1966. Upon his return from Southeast Asia, he continued his service flying in C-130s at Sewart, AFB and Little Rock AFB, in Little Rock, Arkansas. His military career later took him to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio to obtain his master’s degree in System Program Management.

Following AFIT, Jim was assigned to the C-5A System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB with subsequent assignment to Kirtland, AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he worked at the Special Weapons Center. Later assignments were Director of Operations of the 7AACS located at Keesler, AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi and commander of the 451st FTS at Mather AFB in Sacramento, California. His last assignment was the Division Chief for the Air Force Operation Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland, AFB. He retired as a Colonel from the USAF in 1987 after a long and distinguished military career.

After the Air Force, Jim later worked for Cincinnati Electronics and Miami Valley Extension Service in Ohio. In addition to being a master gardener, Jim also enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. Jim and Robin moved from West Chester, Ohio after 25 years to Foley, Alabama in 2012.

Jim is survived by his wife Robin of Foley, Alabama, two children Kimberley (Kevin) Scasny of Villa Rica, Georgia and James Daniel (Molly) Carver of Gilbert Arizona, 4 grandchildren Michael and Anna Scasny and JD and Austin Carver, a brother, Joe (Anne) Carver of Horn Lake, Mississippi, two sisters Jane (David) Bock of Houston, Texas, and Jean Severn of Rock Wall, Texas . Sister in law Martha Carver. numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Tom Carver and Howard Carver, and his sister Johnnie Lou Estes.

Interment will be at Barrancas National Cemetery on Naval Air Station Pensacola February 05, 2019 11:30am .a celebration of life reception following at the Mustin Beach Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to the USMA Sprint Football team via www.westpointaog.org; by check to WPAOG, 689 Mills Rd, West Point, NY 10996 or to the Foreman High School Science Department or Gator football team at 700 Rocky Comfort, Foreman, AR 71836.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

Previous Events

Military Graveside Service

FEB 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Barrancas National Cemetery Annex B
1 Cemetery Road
Pensacola, FL 32508

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy Donald Carver.* ”



February 02, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ *Grandpa Carver was by far one of the smartest people I had ever met, and he loved to teach. Every time we spoke it was an opportunity for him to teach me something new. (I think we both knew I needed all the help I could get) I remember on one occasion, while they were visiting us in Arizona, he decided to teach me algebra. I was maybe 13 years old and he sat down and wrote out this massive problem, it took up an entire page. After he solved it he handed it to me and asked “Is this correct?” “I don’t know, you just did it, so probably.” I replied. (Wrong again!) He then told me to find his mistake. After watching me blankly stare at this piece of paper for maybe 5 minutes, he interjected, and took me through the entire problem line by line until I understood. Then of course we started all over again.* ”

I have so many fond memories of him, but for some reason this one really stands out.

James Carver - January 15, 2019 at 11:09 AM

GL

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Carver's passing. I will never forget the days of YAFL football, practices at Morris field on Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, trying to fit numerous kids, 1 dog, and Mom in a VW because of thunder and lightning, Mr. Carver looking out for our safety and well being. Seems like it was just a few months ago. Thoughts and prayers are with Robin, Dan, Kim, and entire family.

Gretchen (Scales) Lindsay

Gretchen Lindsay - January 08, 2019 at 09:59 PM

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Thank you so much Gretchen! Those days were wonderful. Dad was especially fond of those boys on his team.

Kimberley Scasny - January 10, 2019 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ We share wonderful memories of Brother Jimmy back on the farm in Foreman, Arkansas. It was a working farm, so we all seven children worked and played as we worked. We made a game out of the chores sometimes, like chunking small potatoes at each other as we harvested them, as in dodgeball. We (Twin Jane and I) had to learn to play football set-back, so the boys would have enough players. We made cookies and candy and mailed them to him at West Point. Jimmy got us all together at Elliott Lake, Red River Army Arsenal, for camping trips each year, for many years. Before that, we all went to Lake DeGray in Arkansas for camping trips. What a joy to have been one of the family with Jimmy! Blessings to his family. Jean Carver Severn

Jean Carver Severn - January 07, 2019 at 11:10 AM

DC

Thanks Aunt Jean

Dan Carver - January 07, 2019 at 06:09 PM

KS

Thank you Aunt Jean! Dad shared similar stories of growing up on the farm too. I always liked hearing about his adventures.

Kimberley Scasny - January 10, 2019 at 07:16 PM