



# James E. Althouse

December 25, 1959 - June 26, 2022

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1959 - 2022

James (Jimbo) Althouse died on 26 June 2022 doing one of the things that he enjoyed most, riding his motorcycle. He was born on 25 Dec 1959 in Syracuse, NY where he remained until he graduated from West Genesee Senior High School. Jim lived his life in the service of others. He was always there to lend a hand wherever he saw a need. He had a passion for his family, friends, and volunteering with many organizations including The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Rolling Thunder.

Jim enlisted in the Army in September 1978 and served as an enlisted Soldier for six years (Finance Specialist and Equipment Records/Parts Specialist). He had a break in service to attend Old Dominion University and returned to the Army as an officer in 1987. Jim was a US Army Persian Gulf War Veteran. In Operation Desert Storm he served as a Field Artillery Officer in 3d Armor Division and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. When he retired in September 2001, he was a Quartermaster Major assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Following his military career Jim served as a Management Analyst for the Department of the Army, Fort Lee, Virginia. He retired on 31 Dec 2021 after 17 years and was awarded a Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Jim was a 29-year member of the American Legion. He was a founding member of Southern Virginia American Legion Riders, member of the Sons of the American Legion, and the first male Unit 284 Auxiliary member. He was the Commander of Post 284 from 2014-2015, 11th District Commander from 2019-2020, the Post Legionnaire of the Year for 2019, and Department American Legion Rider Chairman from 2018-2022. Jim had a bachelor's degree in accounting from Old Dominion University and two advanced degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology (Logistics Management and Contract Management).

Jim is survived by his wife of five years Mari Althouse; son, Talon Althouse; stepchildren Jacob Wells, Jacqueline Lane (Daniel); two grandsons Brooks and Bennett Lane; sisters Sandra J. Althouse; Suzanne R. Doolan (Michael), aunts Helen Dayal and Laura Bigness; and multiple nieces/nephews/cousins and other living relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents Burr E. Althouse and Y. Ruth (Highbrown) Althouse.

A memorial service will be held on 23 July 2022, 12:00 pm, at the American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights, VA, and a military ceremony will be held on 25 July 2022, 3:00 pm, at the Amelia National Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation at <https://www.legion.org/vcf>.

Jim lived a full and accomplished life. He loved his family, his friends, travel, was well loved and will be missed by many!

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. James E. Althouse.

# Cemetery Details

**Amelia National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM.

America Legion Post 284  
Colonial Heights, VA

### Burial

JUL **25**. 3:00 PM.

Amelia National Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences to wife Maria, family, friends, and associates. I just heard this evening July 29th about the passing of such a wonderful human being that I with worked with at Fort Lee, VA.(Home Base). I'm saddened by his passing of a tremendous helpful, considerate man that would do anything to help and support others.

*Jim has passed on to a blessed, eternal world of tranquility and relief from all of these worldly matters. May he rest in peace, and knowing Jim he wants all still alive to continue to live their lives as they journey through this world of many trials and tribulations. God bless you my friend, you'll be missed, and God has a truly beautiful soul added to His Heavenly Host*

*William M. Buchanan (Bill)  
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**William M. Buchanan (Bill)** - July 29 at 11:23 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time, May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

*May your memories of James E. Althouse, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, James E. Althouse, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - July 14 at 05:23 AM