



James C. Shepard

March 4, 1934 - June 12, 2019

James Carroll Shepard, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army Retired, died June 12, 2019. He was born in Georgia and spent most of his youth and early adulthood in Florida. Jim was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Stetson University's ROTC program in 1957. He later earned a Master's Degree in American History, specializing in U.S. Military History, at Louisiana State University. His post graduate studies were at Kansas State University. In addition to civilian schooling, he graduated from the U.S. Army Armor Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Company Officer's Administration Course, Intelligence Officer's Course, Special Warfare School, and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Lt. Colonel Shepard commanded Army Tank Units and held Staff positions in the 2nd Armored, 3rd Armored, and 2nd Infantry Divisions. In addition to troop and staff duty, he taught at Louisiana State University (ROTC) and the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was assigned to the Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and the Army Training Board, Fort Eustis, Virginia. He was a published military historian on the American Military History. In that regard he served the Department of Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, until his final retirement in 1992. One of his final assignments was as creator and director of "The U.S. Army School of the Air", an experiment to evaluate the efficiency of updating soldier skills at remote sites via two-way television in the 1980's.

He served two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam. First, serving as an Advisor to Vietnamese Regional Forces in the Delta of South Vietnam; returning as the Chief of the Intelligence Collection Division, Nha Trang.

Shepard was twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal, twice awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, twice the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with six Campaign Stars, and the Combat Infantry Badge, in addition to what he called "the just being there medals."

After retirement he continued to use his skills as an educator. He accepted a position with The Center for Excellence (Center) in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Center provided lessons for re-certification requirements to public school teachers via television. In addition, he brought his knowledge of the Bible and his historical knowledge of the Middle East to his well-attended Sunday School lessons at Walnut Hills Baptist Church in Williamsburg, where he also served as Deacon. He served on the advisory board of Grove Christian Outreach Center. In his leisure time, he enjoyed golfing with neighbors and friends. His purple and gold golf bag and tiger head covers reflected his love of LSU football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard of Valdosta, Georgia, and his sister, Marjorie (Shepard) Adams, of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth (Dell) Shepard, brother, Kenneth Shepard, son, Brian (Jennifer) Shepard, daughter Sondra Smith, stepsons, Richard (Sharron) Watson and Roger (Brenda) Watson, and many wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville PA.

Memorial contributions to Grove Christian Outreach Center would be deeply appreciated by his family. (Grove Christian Outreach Center 8910-E

Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185). Funeral arrangements are entrusted to The Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Jim; playing golf with him and forgetting that he was blind in one eye, bantering back and forth as we solved the world problems with his keen mind. He was such a talented person; soldier, military historian, author about his family travels in "Grandpa's Stump".....such a good man!! Our prayers are with Ruth and the rest of his family during the days ahead. Signed: Tom and Mary Margaret Campbell, Williamsburg, VA

Thomas Campbell - June 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always miss Jim's stories, playing golf with him and marveling about his blindness in one eye, and his quick wit as we bantered back and forth solving all the world's problems. He was a man with many talents; soldier, military historian, and author as he documented his family history in "Grandpa's Stump." Our prayer is for God's comforting spirit be with Ruth and his family during the days ahead. Signed: Tom and Mary Margaret Campbell

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“ You will be greatly missed Carroll by your loving family, we will meet again in heaven where all our family and love ones are. Rest in peace my cousin and love you.

dlchaun@yahoo.com - June 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Jim You helped to enrich my Vietnam experience and I won't forget you.

V. E. Flango - June 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“*Papaw Jim, what a great life you lived. It's always sad when someone close to you passes away. Today I know you are greeted to the next life with warmth and love. You served your country and lived a vibrant, full life. You were one of the most intelligent humans I have known and a loving one too. I'll never forget visiting Grammy Ruth and Papaw Jim in Williamsburg, "Yankee doodle town", the Porsche (Man, I should have gone to LSU to have that sweet ride.), being greeted with "Come give me some sugar" with the sweetest southern accent, listening to his stories and his smile. Father's Day is coming this weekend, and let's remember a good one. Papaw Jim once told me his son was interested in music at a young age. He bought his young son a drum set and was so happy to see the joy it brought him His son happens to be a very successful and accomplished musician and educator at the elite college level. He developed technology for two people to be playing together even though one was miles, states, or countries away. This was years before the technology we all are used to today. Papaw Jim said to me, "Just think if I told him no and didn't want to listen to a young kid banging and making noise; if I didn't cultivate his passion". What a wise man and amazing father. Just one small act and look how it grows. Spread the love. I know I will try to continue his legacy.*

Amanda Lynnee Watson

Amanda Watson - June 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM