



James "Jim" Michael Israel

May 2, 1968 - July 21, 2024

James "Jim" Michael Israel, age 56, of Cullman passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Birmingham. He was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, on May 2nd, 1968. Jim leaves behind a legacy of kindness, love, generosity, humility, and honor. Jim was known for his stubborn determination, joyful spirit, and the immense love he shared with everyone he met. To Jim, everyone was family. His impact on the lives of his wide circle of family and friends will be cherished and remembered always.

Jim dedicated 32 years of his life to the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 before his retirement in 2017. His commitment and service were exemplary, reflecting his deep sense of duty and honor. He continued serving the country he loved through work in the private sector. As evident through his military and government service, Jim was a true patriot at heart.

Above all else, his greatest achievement and purpose was that of a father and leader of his family. He was fiercely loyal to those he held dear and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. Words will never be able to express what he held in his heart in compassion for others as a brother in Christ.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Carmen Israel. Survivors include his loving wife, Martha Israel; two sons, Tyler Israel and Seth Israel; two daughters, Alli Willis and Kelsey Baker; grandchildren, Jayden Willis, Jaxon

Baker and Hendrix Baker; parents, Edmund "Ike" and Kathy Israel; brother, Patrick Israel; and sisters, Mandi Hendrix and Kayce Langford.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm at Desperation Church in Cullman on Saturday, July 27th, 2024. The family will receive friends and loved ones following the service at the Stash House in Cullman. He will be buried with full military honors at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Avenue
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Desperation Church-Cullman Campus
510 5th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Reggie and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



Reggie and family - July 27, 2024 at 10:25 AM

RF

“ Reggie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Reggie and family - July 27, 2024 at 10:25 AM

AM

“ Amanda McCormack lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Michael Israel



Amanda McCormack - July 27, 2024 at 07:27 AM

AM

“ Jim was the sweetest man I ever met. He treated myself, my husband and our two daughters like family right away. I remember him getting ready to propose to Marti in St. Augustine he was so nervous and trying to practice what he was going to say because he wanted it just right. I loved that he included all of us in that special day, he was so excited. He was always so kind to my girls too and teaching them defense moves which they still could use even today if they needed. He was a a kind and very humble man and I'm honored that we were able to be his friends and share good memories even if it wasn't long enough. Love, Amanda, Doug, Grace, and Emily McCormack

Amanda McCormack - July 27, 2024 at 07:27 AM

RS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rich Schildman - July 26, 2024 at 12:27 PM

RI

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Rich - July 26, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RI

“ 5 files added to the album Pics of Jim at JBLM



Rich - July 26, 2024 at 12:14 PM

RS

“ Rich S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Rich S. - July 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



July 26, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ Dr. Holmes, Dr. Smith, and staff. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Dr. Holmes, Dr. Smith, and staff. - July 26, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ Although we never served together.in the same unit, we met many years ago at meetings and conferences due to our passion for Apache aircraft maintenance and the soldiers we were honored to work with everyday. Will always remember his sense of humor and smile. Godspeed Jim.

Art Gribensk - July 25, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ Lloyd and Kailani purchased the Sacred Duty Spr ay for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



Lloyd and Kailani - July 25, 2024 at 09:36 PM

LK

“ Lloyd and Kailani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Lloyd and Kailani - July 25, 2024 at 09:36 PM

CM

“ CW5 John MacDonald purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



CW5 John MacDonald - July 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

AB

“ Anita B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Anita B. - July 25, 2024 at 05:26 PM

AG

“ See you at Fiddlers Green, Brother

Al Gnassi - July 25, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



July 25, 2024 at 12:23 PM

PR

“ Patrick & Renee Royall purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



Patrick & Renee Royall - July 25, 2024 at 11:55 AM

AG

“ Amy and Tazz Grice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Amy and Tazz Grice - July 25, 2024 at 10:27 AM

FM

“ From Jay, Jenny and Henry Moore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Michael Israel.



From Jay, Jenny and Henry Moore - July 25, 2024 at 10:02 AM

FM

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July 25, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Katie, Wesley, & Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Michael Israel.

Katie, Wesley, & Kids - July 25, 2024 at 09:28 AM