



James P. Claxton

February 3, 1940 - January 21, 2024

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of James P. Claxton, passed away on January 21, 2024 in Santa Rosa CA. Born on February 3, 1940, in Dekalb, Illinois, to Mary Elizabeth Freeman and Phillip Maurice Claxton, Jim was the eldest of three children, including his late sister Janice Arwood and surviving sister Joann Hackbarth.

Jim's journey through life was marked by dedication, service, and a love for adventure. He married his beloved wife of 49 years, Evelyn Elizabeth Ginnetti, on February 17, 1975. James was a wonderful father to his children Michael Claxton, Todd Claxton, Donna Fraley, the late Jerry Claxton, Brian Chester, Daniel Chester, Holly Chester, Kevin Claxton, and Matthew Claxton. His legacy extends to 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren, who will miss his wisdom and warmth.

Growing up on a farm in Illinois, Jim developed a love for sports, excelling in baseball and basketball. After graduating, he honored his nation by serving in the United States Air Force for 20 years. He began his military career as a Technical Instructor before transitioning into Accounting and Finances. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, Jim later managed the Enlisted Club and the Officer's Club, earning accolades for his ability to transform operations. His service took him across the globe, including stints in Alaska, Greenland, Korea, Germany, Texas, Illinois, and California.

Upon retiring from the military, Jim continued his passion for the hospitality industry, managing full-service country clubs in various states which included Enid, OK; Springfield, MO; Fort Smith, Batesville, and Pine Bluff, AR; Duluth, MN; Rochelle and Princeton, IL; and Troy, OH. His expertise in the field was unmatched, and he left a lasting impact on every institution he led.

Jim's second retirement marked a new chapter in Ohio as he and his wife, Lynn, embarked on a journey across America in their RV. They lived by a simple yet profound rule: "If the weather isn't to our liking, we pack up and drive to nicer weather." This adventurous spirit led them to manage RV parks during their travels, eventually settling in Yuma, AZ, as permanent park managers.

An avid fisherman, skilled woodworker, enthusiastic bowler, and adept at small engine repair, Jim had a wide array of hobbies that reflected his diverse interests and talents.

Jim Claxton will be remembered as a devoted family man, a proud veteran, and a respected leader in his community. His life was a journey well-traveled, filled with love, service, and adventure. He will be deeply missed but forever cherished in our hearts.

A memorial service with full Military Honors will be held January 31, 2024, 4PM at the Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary Chapel, 9660 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor, CA.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 4:00 PM (PT)

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Memorial service with full Military Honors

Tribute Wall

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“ I know that this is awfully late, but I was scanning the internet for people who I knew years ago, and I found this site. When I was in the Air Force, I was stationed on Shemya Island in Alaska, and the airman across the hall from me was Airman First Class James P. Claxton. He was always a class act, even though we didn't always get along. He was very intelligent, but he could be sarcastic, and I didn't know how to deal with it. I was young and very easily offended. But I always liked Jim and I knew he would do well in life, and I see that he has. I had really hoped that some day I would meet him again, but I guess that will have to wait until the next life. I know that he is terribly missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to his whole family. Be well, and may God bless you all.
Chuck Goodge

Chuck Goodge - May 16 at 12:35 PM

MW

“ Hi, We didn't know Jim or Lynn before last February, I answered a workamper job listing for Friendly Acres RV Resort. We got to talk with Jim a couple times by phone. He sounded like a manager who really knew his job and liked doing it. We visited last May with both Jim and Lynn, He told us about the park, himself, Lynn, and the residences. We accepted the job and when we left we knew Jim cared about the park and was very proud of it, He cared about the residences and about the workampers. All in all he loved it here. When we arrived in May we shook hands and a hour or so later we hugged. Were very glad we took the job and got to work for him and Lynn. Sad that we had such a short time with him. He will be greatly missed . M. & S. Wilson

Mark & Sue Wilson - January 31, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James P. Claxton.*



January 31, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Sandra & Brian Hurley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James P. Claxton.*

Sandra & Brian Hurley - January 31, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Koree, Ashlee, Erica, Tyler and Haley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James P. Claxton.*



Koree, Ashlee, Erica, Tyler and Haley - January 30, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Claxton.*



January 30, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James P. Claxton.*



January 28, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ *Michel, Cluney, Danit & Donna planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James P. Claxton.*

Michel, Cluney, Danit & Donna - January 28, 2024 at 04:25 PM