



Lt. Col. James O. Richardson

May 22, 1932 - November 16, 2017

Lt. Col. James O. Richardson, US Army, Retired, of Terrell, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on the morning of November 16, 2017. He was reunited in Heaven by his wife, Joan Carolyn Richardson, son, James Douglas Richardson, parents, Ottie Lee and Lucille Richardson and sisters: Mary Ann Coltharp and Paula Jane Morris.

James was born May 22, 1932 in Dallas to Ottie and Lucille (Weatherford) Richardson. He grew up in the Dallas area and graduated from Mesquite High School in 1949. Because of James' athletic skills at Mesquite HS, he was able to attend both UT-Arlington and UT-Austin on a basketball scholarship. In 1956 he enlisted and entered into a lifetime commitment with the US Army from which he retired after a commendable career. James served in many military campaigns including tours served in Germany, Korea and two tours in Vietnam. After retiring as Lt. Colonel, James came to Terrell and bought farm land to continue his love of raising livestock, a lifelong interest that he began when he was young. During his high school years, he won many awards and honors at the State Fair of Texas. Never one to stay idle, James and Joan continued their love for husbandry with the purchase and careful caretaking of horses and cattle. A quiet man of great strength and integrity, James leaves a legacy to his family of honor and dedication to all that he held dear.

James is survived by his son, John Wright Richardson of Carrollton; daughter, Cheryl Ann Pittera and husband Douglas H., of Fairfield, CT; daughter, Kasey Ann Hanna and husband Thomas A., of Forney; grandchildren: Nicole, Richard and David Pittera, Mimi Richardson, Zachary and Brandon Hanna; brother, John Wayne Richardson and wife, Nita of Garland as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends who will miss him greatly.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at 2:30pm at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery. The family will receive friends 5-7pm, Tuesday, November 21, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing, contributions to honor James' memory may be made to assist St. Jude Research at www.stjude.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Committal Service

NOV 22. 2:30 PM (CT)

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. James O. Richardson*

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“ *Thank you Col. Richardson for your service and dedication to our country. It's people like you who are part of our greatest generation who helped make the United States the great country that it is and will always be. You protected us and our values.*

Your legacy is the freedom that you helped to secure with your service.

I never had the honor of meeting you sir and that is my loss but knowing the kind of person that Sheryl has become reflects greatly on the kind of person that you were.

Your children and grandchildren will always be a long lasting tribute to you and your legacy.

*You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.
God speed on your final journey*

Dean Price

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“ *Cheryll*

*May your dad Rest in Peace in God,s loving arms !
Be strong and know he is now in a beautiful place ! bob breen*

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It is an honor and pleasure to have known you through your wonderful daughter "Kasey" for the past 23 years. Thank you for your service and dedication that ensured we live in a free world. RIP Sir. June Hanna

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