



James "Jim" Milton Martin

May 29, 1947 - August 21, 2025

James (Jim) Milton Martin, 78, of Dandridge, TN, passed away peacefully on August 21st, 2025. Born on May 29, 1947, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Jim lived a full life of courage, service, and dedication to his country.

Jim proudly served in the United States Marine Corps "SEMPER PARATUS" during the Vietnam War with periods of service from May 29th 1964, to May 28th, 1968, and November 27th, 1968, to February 21st, 1970. His commitment and bravery in the face of adversity reflected his unwavering love for his country. He earned the Combat Action Ribbon (Vietnam), Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal with one silver and two bronze campaign stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions First Class Color with Palm), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Rifle Marksman Badge. He remained a true Patriot throughout his life.

After serving in the Marine Corps, Jim worked at National Jets and World Jet as an automotive mechanic and aircraft mechanic. That was definitely his passion. He loved "wrenching" on aircraft and customizing his automobiles. Jim will be remembered by his close friends, Russ (Mary Ann) Boy of Franklin, North Carolina, Juan (Melissa) Rafael of North Lauderdale, Florida, Sean Casey and Lisa Marinelli of New Market, Tennessee, Tom (Jennifer) Hall of Parrottsville, Tennessee, Deborah Parker of Live Oak, Florida, his neighbor Gracie Fain and her beloved dog, Dottie.

He enjoyed spending time with his friends in Morristown, Jefferson City, Sevierville, and Dandridge, and was known for his love of any type of aircraft, Corvettes, Rat Rods, rock music, and the Marine Corps. He had a great appreciation for vintage memorabilia and for the history of an item, which he took pride in displaying and sharing.

Jim loved traveling to shop for antiques, look at cool cars, and was always generous to his friends by gifting them with thoughtful and beautiful items. He enjoyed visiting his friends at Habitat for Humanity Restore in Jefferson City/Dandridge, especially David (Michelle) Hughes.

Jim had quite the personality. He was a great storyteller and never disappointed an audience. Some people thought he was just a “grumpy ol’ Marine” (which he was), BUT he was also the most generous and caring friend a person could ask for. Jim also loved animals and consistently donated food and toys to C.A.R.E. and was always feeding the turkeys, birds and other wildlife on his property daily. He was a proud man who loved his country and his friends.

Friends may come by Fielden Funeral Home to pay their respects on Tuesday, September 2nd, from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Friends and fellow veterans will meet on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 1:45 PM at Mountain Home National Cemetery for a 2:00 PM burial with full military honors.

Mr. Martin is a veteran of the United States Marine Corp., having served honorably in Vietnam. He has no known family and will be laid to rest at Mountain Home National Cemetery. We, as a community, desire to come together to fund the funeral of Mr. Martin. Payments can also be sent directly to Fielden Funeral Home at 910 Churchview Street, New Market, TN 37820.

Donations may be made online by clicking the link here:

<https://fba816c4-e054-4f0c-bdb2-3e321336f0ec.paylinks.godaddy.com/48866d41-7df0-468c-8bee-466>

Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve Mr. James Milton Martin.

Cemetery Details

Mountain Home National Cemetery

215 Heroes Dr
Mountain Home , TN 37684

Previous Events

Lie in Repose

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
(865) 475-3468
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

Burial

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
215 Heroes Dr
Mountain Home , TN 37684

Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Milton Martin*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - September 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

LM

What a beautiful tribute to Jim. This encapsulates all of the things he loved. Thank-you Tammy Rutherford. It's the perfect tribute.

Lisa A Marinelli - September 02, 2025 at 05:33 PM

CC

It was a beautiful service today. Job well done.

Cheryl Cook - September 02, 2025 at 07:45 PM

CC

“ *Martin was definitely one of a kind. He was my Mom's neighbor and kept his promise to her husband to look out for her after he passed. He even brought her a new puppy after her little one passed away. He had a heart of gold under that rough exterior. He will be missed by those that knew him.*

Cheryl Cook - September 02, 2025 at 07:44 PM

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“ For the service on Wednesday, we will meet at the Masonic lodge in Johnson City at 1300. Line up there and head to the cemetery.

Thank You

Johnson City Masonic Lodge
304 Wataugua Ave Johnson City, TN 37604
Meet at 1pm
Wednesday 9.3.25

Sean - August 31, 2025 at 07:23 AM

SE

“ When Jim entered your life, you would be forever changed. He was a rough cookie at times and while he was frequently grumpy, he had a soft side. He went through a lot as a Marine and it never left his mind. He wore his patriotism with his wardrobe, his vehicles were plastered with decals and his home was covered with patriotic memorabilia.

His presence here will be missed and I'm glad for him to be at peace and pain free. RIP Brother



Sean - August 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deb Parker - August 29, 2025 at 03:22 PM

DP

Jim I will miss our conversations and visits. May you rest in peace and I'll see you again someday.

Deb Parker - September 03, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JR

“ Thank you for your service.
RIP.

Jerry Rector - August 29, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AT

Thanks for his military service,

Anthony R Trent - September 02, 2025 at 01:04 PM