

James C. Madison

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Salineville, Ohio

Special Forces & MACV-SOG (CCC)

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James C. Madison passed away on November 7, 2024, after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his family.

Jim was born on October 31, 1939, to Leroy and Virginia (Maple) Madison in Salineville, Ohio. He was preceded in death by three infant sisters, Nancy, Rebecca, and Christine; his parents; son, Ronnie Madison; sister, Priscilla Bycroft; brother, William L. Madison.

He is survived by his wife, Judy (Kessler) Madison; sons, Lonnie (Eva) Madison, Jason (Jennifer) Madison; stepdaughter, Shari (Charlie) Anderson; sisters, Karin (Richard) Taff, Cathy (Doug) Hart; brothers, Alvin (Lota) Madison, David (Laurie) Madison; grandchildren, Emily, Trent, Wyatt, and Colton.

He graduated from Salineville High School and attended Malone College.

Jim was a true patriot joining the U.S. Army in 1957. He attended numerous training schools. These schools were, jump school, Security Agency school, officer candidate school, jungle warfare training, U.S. Navy submarine school, jumpmaster school, German mountain climbing school, German ski school, Spanish advanced ski school and Greek Helanic raiding school. He was a soldier in Special Forces with the Green Berets. As a member of the Green Berets, he was part of an elite unit called MACV-SOG. This was a highly classified unit involved with covert operations in Vietnam. While in Vietnam he led Green Beret 11 soldiers and 540 Montagnards which are Vietnamese guerrilla fighters. He organized, trained, and conducted combat operations against the Viet Cong and North Vietnam Army. His recon team was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross. Jim served two tours in Vietnam, attaining the rank of Captain. After he retired from active duty he spent time in the

National Guard. During his time in the National Guard, he received the Mayor's Community Service Award for outstanding service to his community during a blizzard.

After his career service ended, Jim was an agent with the Multistate Narcotics Agency. He worked undercover narcotics operations in conjunction with various law enforcement agencies. After he left the agency, he was general manager for Ron Peterson VW. He later started his own business, Madison Motor Sales and then an over the road truck driver for 10 years, retiring in 2005.

It was Jim's wish that upon his death his body was to be donated to the Cleveland Clinic for study and research.

It was Jim's wish that donations be made to: The Carroll County Animal Protection League, 4901 Canton Road PO BOX 353 Carrollton, Ohio 44615.

Rest in peace Captain Madison, you have earned it.