



Mr. James "Jim" Lawrence McCloskey

April 16, 1942 - November 17, 2022

James Lawrence (Jim) McCloskey passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022 with his wife by his side. Born in Princeton, IN on April 16, 1942, son of the late Lawrence McCloskey and Leona Kissel McCloskey. He graduated from Fort Branch High School where he served as class president, homecoming king and lettered in football, basketball, track and baseball. After graduation from Parks College of Aviation and Technology of St. Louis University where he served as president of his fraternity, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served six years attaining the rank of Captain and earning numerous medals. He was a pilot for Delta Air Lines for 32 years. He retired as Captain on Boeing 777. He was a faithful member of Big Canoe Chapel and North GA Veterans. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Ahles McCloskey. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Sparks McCloskey; daughter, Beth McCloskey Clipson (Paul); son, David McCloskey (Becky); grandchildren, Jessica (Mike), Hailey (Alex), Conner; Maggie Clare and Sophie; 2 great-grandsons, Will Disney and Coleman Ostendorf; sister, Mary Ann McCloskey Koellner(Paul); step-daughter, Julie Lobree (Shaw); step-grandchildren, Lily and Lena Lobree. He will be greatly missed by his family and dear friends. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 1:30PM at Georgia National Cemetery. Following the service family and friends are invited to a reception at Keegan Irish Pub, 1085 Buckhead Crossing Ste. 140, Woodstock, GA 30189. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, <https://w>

www.garysinisefoundation.org. Arrangements by Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell, GA.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Reception to follow service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Keegan Irish Pub
1085 Buckhead Crossing Ste. 140
Woodstock, GA 30189

Tribute Wall

TV

“ I knew Jim McCloskey as a friend and fraternity brother at Parks College, Saint Louis University. He was always pleasant, helpful and a lot of fun to have as a friend. Over the last 60 years our friend Rolly Gaasch always kept me up to date on Jim's many activities and accomplishments. The world was a better place with Jim. My condolences to all his family ; he will be remembered kindly. Tom Vonder Haar, Colorado State University, Laporte Colorado

Thomas Vonderhaar - November 22, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JM

“ Jessie, Hailey, and Conner were blessed to have Jim as a grandfather. He brought happiness, wisdom, and love to their lives. I am grateful that they had you for their grandfather!! You will be missed by all!!! God's Speed, Jennifer McCloskey



jennifer mccloskey - November 22, 2022 at 03:31 PM

MD

*My husband, Wes, and I are sorry for your loss. Jim was a fine person.
Midge and Wes Detwiler*

Midge Detwiler - December 31, 2022 at 08:34 PM

BM

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Beth McCloskey - November 21, 2022 at 07:25 AM

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Beth McCloskey - November 21, 2022 at 07:22 AM

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Beth McCloskey - November 21, 2022 at 07:21 AM

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Beth- Jim's daughter - November 21, 2022 at 07:19 AM

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Mary Ann Koellner. jim's sister - November 20, 2022 at 10:07 PM

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Mary Ann Koellner. jim's sister - November 20, 2022 at 09:54 PM

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Jim, Charlotte, Mary Ann at Gibb Gardens

Mary Ann Koellner. jim's sister - November 21, 2022 at 03:23 PM

DM

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David McCloskey - November 19, 2022 at 01:36 PM

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Robert Nester - November 19, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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Robert Nester - November 19, 2022 at 01:28 PM

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Robert Nester - November 19, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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Robert Nester - November 19, 2022 at 01:03 PM

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Roland & Diane Gaasch - November 19, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JD

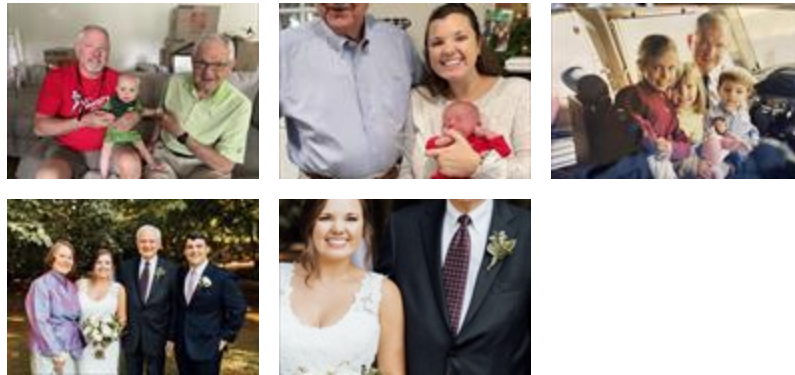
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Jessica McCloskey Disney - November 18, 2022 at 08:54 PM

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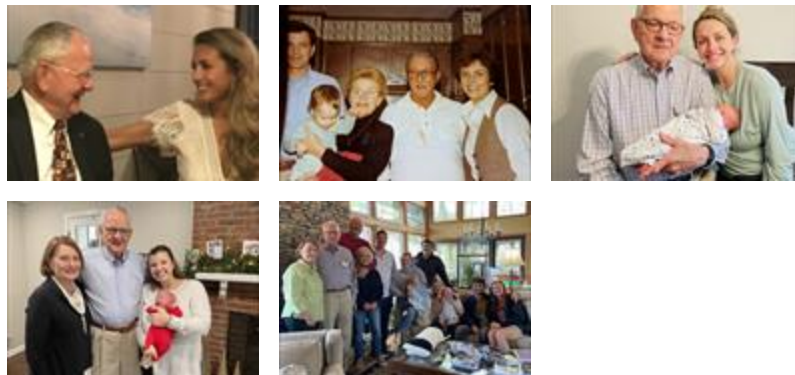
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Hailey Ostendorf - November 18, 2022 at 08:42 PM

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David McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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David McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 08:01 PM

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David McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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David McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 07:48 PM

DM

“ He was the best Father a person could ever have. He lost his father when he was 16 and his parents were divorced. I think this inspired him to be the best he could be. He was his High school class President, Eagle Scout, Fraternity President, Air Force Captain, Delta Captain, loving father and grandfather. He never raised a hand to me or raised his voice. He took me fishing, hunting, went to every Basketball game of mine, coached my little league, he supported and funded my aviation career. He was a loving father to Mom and stood by her side until the bitter end. He took care of his Mother in law until she passed. He was my role model. I'm glad this illness took him quickly and took him away from the prison of memory care. He will be greatly missed and I will continue to strive to follow in his shoes. I love you Dad. You will be missed. ❤️

David McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 07:47 PM

GH

If I may speak for the FBHS class of "60", Jim was our "Rock Star". He will be missed but remembered.

Gerald Huelsman - November 20, 2022 at 10:53 AM

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Becky McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ The very best father-in-law. Thank you for embracing me. You raised the very best. You will be forever missed. Rest peacefully.

Becky McCloskey - November 18, 2022 at 07:33 PM

RH

I feel like I've experienced a nightmare that will never go away. Jim and I were like brother and sister . We did so much together as kids. We came to Georgia together and Jim has been beside me for the last 50 yrs. He was so proud of his Irish Heritage. He loved being a McCloskey. We didn't live close but talked on the phone often. He was my mentor and if I needed him -He would be here in a flash. This awful illness should never have happened to such a wonderful friend , cousin, father and grandfather. I will miss him till the day I die. May he now have peace . I can see that big smile when he's joined once again with Aunt Lee, Uncle Mutt,, Grandma McCloskey, Mom, Aunt Mary, Rose and Uncle Sonny-what a reunion. Love you Jim more than you know !

Rhacia Healy - November 21, 2022 at 10:18 AM

KM

I attended grade school with Jim at Holy Cross Grade School in Fort Branch, Indiana. We were good friends, sharing a deep interest in everything about airplanes. I envied all his accomplishments in aviation. We both cherished our Irish heritage; both our dads came from the small Illinois town of Enfield. God speed, my friend.

Kent McGuire - November 23, 2022

Kent McGuire - November 23, 2022 at 11:16 AM

JB

Rhacia even though I didn't have the family ties that you had, I think I know how you feel.....this has to be a nightmare and shouldn't have happened to Jim. When my father was killed in 1960, Jim came to our house many times to talk to me - as did his mother. I've never forgotten him in all these years. He was one of a kind. With all of his talents, he could have been arrogant, but he always had time to help others. What a guy! As I told my husband "this one hits hard!"

Judi Bryant - November 29, 2022 at 07:57 PM