



James David Pohlen

December 6, 1951 - July 25, 2016

“Jim is a United States Navy veteran having served during Operation Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom where he earned several awards including the Navy Achievement, Commendation and Meritorious Service Medals. Enlisting in the Navy and designated as a Supply Clerk in the 70’s, he rose in rank to become a Master Chief. His tours of duty over a 35 year career included stops at US Navy ships and shore installations as Leading Petty Officer, Leading Chief Petty Officer and culminating as Command Master Chief at Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron TEN at NAS Jacksonville. Jim is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport RI and served with distinction in UAE and Kuwait as a “Desert Sailor” before his retirement in December 2011.” Jim has made his lifelong career in the Modeling, Simulation and Training industry in Orlando. Jim was a long time and admired member of the Operation Committee of InterService/Industry, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC). Jim possessed a tremendous work ethic and was looked up to for his positive can-do attitude. He worked tirelessly as a strong advocate for military veterans and their families.

James David Pohlen was preceded in death by his parents John and Lucy Pohlen and a sister Susan Pohlen.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife Margaretann; daughter Cori; granddaughter Bianca; great grandchildren Finlay and Kevin;

sister Jean (Pohlen) Laursen; a niece Kristine (Laursen) Soliday and nephew Karl Laursen.

Jim will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother and uncle as well as a friend and mentor to many people that he touched over the years. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that you please donate to the Hospice of the Comforter located at 605 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Margaret Ann,
I was sad to hear of Jim's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences! We have lost a great person, your husband, shipmate, friend and mentor! Jim was the "CHIEF" at the top of my list to call when I needed advice or suggestion on a situation. I learned a lot watching him and will forever be thankful for having the opportunity to serve alongside him! May God bless you & your family.
Sincerely,
Jim Calandra, MCPO retired

Jim Calandra - August 03, 2016 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ Jim and I met and started working together at JHT in 2004 and over the years we have continued to build upon the great friendship that we started there as we both moved on to other places of employment, two of which brought Jim and I back together in the workplace. Having served 30 years on active duty in the Navy, Jim and I shared our love for the Navy by sharing many stories, past and present as he continued to serve in the Reserves. So while I did not serve in uniform with Jim, I observed his leadership and management style in the civilian workforce, and knew he also presented the same in uniform. Jim had a commanding presence in everything he did, always had a smile and a kind word, and instinctively knew how to lead all those in his charge, officer and enlisted. Jim knew only one way to live and to lead, and that was by personal example, and that he did in flying colors! He lived by his motto – “Do the very best you can in all things, give it all you’ve got...and then some” Jim was the Best in all things, Jim was my Best Friend, Jim was my Best Man April of last year. He was a very dear friend whom I already miss, and have nothing but the fondest memories of! Jim we have the “Watch” here, but you are on the Advance Party for us, so I know everything will be squared away when I see you again. God Bless my Friend!

Doug Clark - August 02, 2016 at 08:36 AM

DC

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Doug Clark - August 02, 2016 at 08:07 AM

MH

“ *Marge Hadbavny lit a candle in memory of James David Pohlen*



Marge Hadbavny - August 01, 2016 at 08:32 PM

DL

“ *We didn't know you well or long but what we did know we liked very much. Best darn Baby Back Ribs I ever had. Rest in peace neighbor.*
Donald & Lois

Donald & Lois - August 01, 2016 at 05:22 PM

SD

“ *A true Patriot and Gentleman who always had a smile and a kind word. We could always depend on you to get it done, whatever was needed. Jim, we will miss you greatly. Our warmest regards and sympathy to your Family.*

Steve & Vickie Detro

Steve Detro - August 01, 2016 at 01:46 PM

BT

“ Dear Jim: From the moment I first met you in Orlando, during a weekend drill, I knew you were someone special and that you would be a Great Navy Chief, once you were a part of our Smat Unit. I introduced you to CDR Jordan and told him YOU would be a valuable member of our team. I was right. YOU were MORE than a valuable member of our team. You became my friend and my "right-hand" go to guy, during drills. Your presence will be missed, but the memories we shared, both in and out of uniform, will be with me always. Fair Winds and Following Seas! ...SKCS Bob Ticke

Bob Ticke - July 31, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James David Pohlen.



July 31, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CG

“ I've known Jim for a long time, first met him when he was a First Class. He was one of the most inspirational Chief's in the Orlando CPO Mess, and it was no surprise to see him advance quickly to Senior and then Master Chief. He possessed that commanding voice, was lighthearted and a great smile and laugh. Jim truly had a kindred spirit within the Mess. A positive influence to many, a friend to all, Jim was the Anchor! My deepest condolences to all who knew him, especially his family. May you know the warmth and comfort of God's love.

Chuck Gilman - Senior Chief, Orlando CPO Mess

Chuck Gilman - July 31, 2016 at 12:28 PM

FB

“ I first met Jim back in our SMAT days in Orlando. Later he came to Cargo Handling Battalion Eleven as our Senior Enlisted Advisor. About a year into our tour, our Battalion was mobilized to head over to the desert. When our group came together in Kuwait, there were two Master Chiefs and Jim was the "junior" guy as a Senior Chief. That never phased Jim or those he worked with. He commanded respect from those senior and junior to him due to his competence and goodness. After I left the Battalion, Jim stayed on and eventually was promoted to Master Chief. Jim was a person of great character and even though I was his senior by rank, I looked up to him as a mentor. I am a better person for knowing Jim and will treasure our friendship as long as I live. Jim will be deeply missed by his many Navy friends who's life he touched along the way.
CAPT Fred Boyles

Fred Boyles - July 30, 2016 at 04:41 PM

LH

“ Jim is a veteran, like many of us, who would proudly give our lives protecting this great nation -USA. I met Jim at Pulau Corp and became good friends. We would exchange stories of our military experience here and abroad. When I retired from Pulau, Jim called me into his office. He spoke from the heart and presented me with one of his medals (MSRON TEN-EXCELLENCE). He stated " I only give this to friends, who proudly served their country ". I proudly display it along with my other military medals. Jim will truly be missed. My condolence goes out to family and friends. My God Bless you through your time of grief. Lee Hedrick/US ARMY VETERAN AND PULAU CORP

LEE HEDRICK - July 30, 2016 at 07:27 AM

GS

“ Jim served as my Executive Officer during my three year tenure as the Commanding Officer of SMAT 105 out of Orlando. He was absolutely the best at everything he did - working countless hours to support the SMAT mission and to bring out the best in the men and women that worked in the unit and at Reserve Center Orlando. There was no way that we could have accomplished everything we did in the unit without Jim's knowledge and leadership. He lived and breathed Navy and anyone that ever knew him or worked with him knew there was no-one who be counted on more than Jim. His legacy will be forever shaped by the many sailors he mentored, including both junior and senior personnel. I spent six plus years on active duty and over 18 in the reserves and in all that time never met anyone (officer or enlisted) that influenced me personally or professionally more than Jim did. To say he will be missed is truly an understatement. And to his wonderful wife and family who sacrificed on so many occasions because Jim was with us, either in Orlando, Norfolk, Jacksonville or overseas - thank you for sharing him with us.

I will miss you old friend. God speed

George Sellery, CDR, USNR

George Sellery - July 29, 2016 at 06:37 PM

AF

“ Jim was such a kind man and total support to the Future Leaders Pavilion at I/ITSEC. I will never forget his smile, great heart and great sense of humor. Totally a standup guy and just First Class all the way. We will miss you always, Jim. Ann Friel

Ann Friel - July 28, 2016 at 02:37 PM

BM

“ Jim was a treasured member of the I/ITSEC team. Could have led us all but preferred being in the background. Already missing his calm smile in the midst of chaos. A brave and kind soul. Thank you, Jim for your caring time and energy. Thank you, Margaretann, for letting us share in his light.

Barbara McDaniel

Barbara McDaniel - July 28, 2016 at 06:41 AM