



James Forrest Ross Sr.

October 21, 1946 - July 15, 2015

James Forrest Ross, Sr., 68 of Apopka, Florida passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Mr. Ross was born October 21, 1946 in Vero Beach, Florida to Edwin and Mildred Ross.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Jim and I were neighbors who live down the street from each other. My wife and I would see Ellen and Jim quite a bit as we walked our dogs down the main road in our subdivision. We have probably had only a handful of conversations over the past couple years since we moved in. With that being said; you didn't need to know Jim very long if barely at all to see and feel what a kind intelligent and charismatic person he was. Always a pleasant smile and wave whenever we saw each other. Seeing those two and how happy they looked with each other actually made my wife, Maria, comment about how great it would be if one day that could be us. We offer our sincere condolences to the family. Our prayers for you all.

Maria and Keith

Keith Bazemore - July 26, 2015 at 10:04 PM

AI

“ A friend indeed. purchased the Fields of Europe f or Spring for the family of James Forrest Ross Sr..



A friend indeed. - July 24, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Forrest Ross Sr..



July 22, 2015 at 07:02 PM

MH

“ Ellen, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this trying time. Although I never was fortunate enough to meet Jim, I felt I knew him through your eyes and your heart. I know Jim never received the proper reception for his services when he got home from Vietnam, but I learned awhile ago that when one Vietnam Vet meets another, the greeting is "Welcome Home", so I will say in remembrance to Jim "Welcome Home". I am sure our Lord had the same greeting for Jim when he arrived in heaven "Welcome Home". God Bless you!!

Mike Heaton

Michael Heaton - July 21, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ We happened to be on the playground at Humiston Beach in Vero Beach. Claud was serving his Army Active Reserve time and you were headed to Viet Nam. You and I just sat on the kiddy swings talking about our family and how we loved them; how it was important to stand up for what we believe in and would give our lives for...we didn't know whether or not you would come home for more family reunions.

My dear, brave, Ranger Cousin I was always so proud of you. You were honorable, honest, compassionate, and yet fierce when necessary.

I know Aunt Millie and Uncle Ross, my Mama and Daddy and all the others greeted you at Heaven's portal.

Ann

Ann Mathis - July 21, 2015 at 07:37 AM

BM

“ To the Ross Family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the sudden passing of Jim. He and I had recently reconnected just several months ago via a chance meeting while shopping at Costco. Although Jim and I worked together for a number of years in banking, it was our common military background that made us friends. May my fellow Special Forces, Airborne Ranger rest in peace.

Bruce May - July 20, 2015 at 08:14 AM

AG

“ To my brother in war Jim Ross rest in peace.

To Jim's family may you cherish the memories of a great warrior and know he was a strong and brave man.
And he will always be my hero. My memory of Jim will always be a happy one and of a man who loved America and did his part to keep her free.

God introduced us in Vietnam in 1966 and God has taken him 2015.

God bless Jim Ross and his family and God bless The United States of America.

Artie Guerrero - July 19, 2015 at 12:34 PM

BH

“ Our sincerest sympathies go to Ellen and all the Ross family. Our prayers are for the peace that passes understanding to fill your hearts. We are very sorry for your painful loss. May the comfort of knowing Jim is with Jesus and that you will see him again someday bring you joy in the midst of your pain. Love and blessings, Becky and Joel Hunter

Becky Hunter - July 19, 2015 at 09:52 AM

JK

“ Our hearts are very heavy my friend. We will always miss you! Sheryl and I are keeping the Ross family in our thoughts and prayers.

You were always a pleasure to work with and we are so thankful for the memories and friendship we shared! Love Always.

Jeff and Sheryl Keim - July 18, 2015 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ A classmate and good friend since 4th grade in Vero Beach...he will certainly be missed by many. Jim was definitely a man of high principles, honor and loyal to all. Our condolences to Ellen and children. Dan Brooks and Carole (Smith) Healy

Daniel Brooks - July 17, 2015 at 09:10 PM

FS

“ Fred Kerry Sr. purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of James Forrest Ross Sr..



Fred Kerry Sr. - July 17, 2015 at 04:21 PM

GC

“ Jim had a wonderful inviting smile. His love for his family was always present and apparent. My heart goes out to Ellen, my dear friend and his children and grandchildren. I'm praying for your strength and healing in the loss of a truly great man.

Geri Cole - July 17, 2015 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ Jim was an original, literally. He was one of the original 1st Cav LRRPs in Viet Nam. When I came to the unit, he was the first to introduce himself to me. 35 years later, he was one of the first to bring me back into our "Band of Brothers". Jim, you are now in a safe LZ.

*Bill Carpenter
1st Cav LRRP, '67*

Bill Carpenter - July 17, 2015 at 10:06 AM

JF

“ You will be missed Jim. Gone way too soon. I enjoyed working with you as you were completely genuine and a no-nonsense guy. My prayers are with your family and particularly your wife. Rest in Peace buddy.

Jason Fleck - July 17, 2015 at 06:36 AM

JS

Farewell Jimbo. God Bless you, God Bless your family and God Bless all of us.

*John Simones
1st Cav LRRP '66-67'*

john simones - July 17, 2015 at 07:18 PM

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1st Cav LRRP, '67

Artie Guerrero

Artie Guerrero - July 19, 2015 at 12:22 PM

RE

I first met Jim Ross when we were in training together, in 1966, preparing to go to Vietnam. He and I were able to get a week-end pass, and went to Virginia Beach. We went through a lot of training together.....including jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He even got me a date, as I was from Oregon and really did not know anyone there, outside of the Army.

Jim was written about, his experiences while in Vietnam.....in the book 'GHOSTS OF THE HIGHLANDS' [1st Cav LRRPs in Vietnam, 1966-1967] by Kregg P.J. Jorgenson. Jim was in the real fighting there. Due to the internet, Jim and I were able to reconnect in the late 1990's. We maintained contact, on a regular basis from then on. He was a great guy in the Army, and was the same Jim in the emails that I knew long ago.

It has been a year and a half since his emails stopped. I tried to reach him via email, on Classmates and other means, but could not find out what had happened to him. My gut told me that there was only one reason that he was no longer emailing. Only now, do I know that my gut feeling was correct.

I can say, as a fact, that Jim Ross was an outstanding man, as well as a very good friend. He represented the very best, of those who fought in that war. He was dedicated, brave, determined..... yet warm and kind with a passion in his heart with a love of this country, and was willing to put his life on the line for what he believed in. Jim is now with John Kedenburg.....another which he trained with. John passed much sooner than Jim, as John was only 21 years old; who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. They were both friends. At least Jim was able to live a full life. I

I have....and will miss him greatly.

I hope that his family realizes what a guy he was, and how much he loved them.....

Ron Edge

RON EDGE - January 17, 2017 at 05:49 PM