



## James David Randles

September 25, 1943 - September 4, 2023

Mr. James David Randles, age 79, of Lilburn, GA passed away September 4, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Mabel Randles. Mr. Randles is survived by his wife of fifty years, Jerolyn Randles of Lilburn, GA; daughter Niki (Mark) Redstrom of Sugar Hill, GA; grandchildren, Sarah and Charlie Redstrom of Sugar Hill, GA; brother Doug (Ann) Randles of Woodbridge, VA; sister Rosiland (Jon) Lund of Eugene, OR; nephews Jeff (Jill) Randles of Arlington, VA, Erik (Jenn) Lund of Cave Creek, AZ; nieces Christine (Joe) Willever of Manassas, VA, Kirsten Magnuson of Salem, OR. Mr. Randles was born on September 25, 1943 in Medford, OR. He graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor's Degree in Administration and later earned a Master of Arts in Education at Western Kentucky University. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam as a Tank Commander where he earned a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart, and later earned other medals, awards, and commendations as he rose to the rank of Major. Mr. Randles later worked for the Veterans Administration in Atlanta, GA. He was of the Methodist faith and an active member of Harmony Grove UMC in Lilburn, GA. Mr. Randles served as a past National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was an avid golfer and tennis player, enjoyed watching John Wayne movies, vacationing with his family at the beach and Disney World, and attending and supporting his wife, daughter and grandchildren's many interests including swimming, soccer, dance, art, and choir.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Buford First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jim Landis and Pastor Jim Buckman officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA. Interment will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Purple Heart Service Foundation in memory of James David Randles.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgins Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Buford First United Methodist Church  
285 E. Main Street, N.E.  
Buford, GA 30518

## Interment

SEP **18**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgins Dr  
Canton, GA 30114



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I met Mr.Randle few years ago. I came in as their Caregiver. One thing about him he spoke his mind n he was a jokester. I simply had never met any one like him. We both grew on each other n after while I became like family. Believe me when I say he let me knew that too! He kept me laughing sharing so many stories with me about his life. I will miss him, his jokes and that smile he always had when I would see him. I'm so glad I had the privilege to have known him. Rest in Peace Mr. Randle.

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**Sharon Richardson** - September 15, 2023 at 09:25 AM

LZ

“ Jim was a great man and friend. I will always remember someone who was willing to do everything in his power to help everyone. Jim was never one to back down or say what was on his mind. I will miss our conversations. My condolences to the family. You have lost a family member, and I have lost a friend and mentor. RIP Jim. Until Valhalla.

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**Lou Zayas** - September 08, 2023 at 07:44 AM

DC

“ Jim Randles was a "One of a Kind" Man..He was Strong, Compassionate and had a very Dry sense of Humor. I for one NEVER knew what would come out of his mouth when he had that devilish grin.. I will never forget our interactions at the National Purple Heart Conventions and most of all our at the Golf Outings we participated in, I have lost a Good Friend..  
Until Valhalla Brother  
Semper Paratus

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**Daniel Cannode** - September 07, 2023 at 02:41 PM

BK

“ *Jerolyn and Niki, please accept the condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Your husband (and father) was a dedicated and courageous warrior, one of us, one of our own. He served honorably as G Troop Commander in the 2nd Squadron in 1971 with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment as the regiment deployed across much of Vietnam. One of the most respected officers, he was revered as an intrepid leader who inspired bravery and gallantry among his men. James Randles's name will be published in our newsletter, Thunder Run, acknowledged solemnly during the Memorial Service at our annual reunion, this year in Grand Rapids, and enrolled on the scroll of our honored dead. As grateful Americans, we pause and salute a brave man who never ceased to serve his fellow warriors and was willing to sacrifice, and even put his life on the line for his country, his family and his fellow man. Chaplain Bill Karabinos (11th ACVVC).*

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**Blandin Karabinos** - September 07, 2023 at 08:12 AM

LZ

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute wall*



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**Lou Zayas** - September 06, 2023 at 07:47 PM

MS

*I would like to offer my condolences to Wife Jerolyn and Daughter Niki, and the rest of the family. You would always find Mr. Jim watching Western movie in the morning . He had a good/ dry Sence of hummer. Rest in Power Mr. Jim. It was a pleasure working as a Caregiver for both you and Jerolyn. May our gravelly father comfort and strengthen your love ones during this difficult time. 🙏*

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**Maxine Smith** - September 11, 2023 at 04:22 PM

MS

*Heavenly*

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**Maxine Smith** - September 11, 2023 at 04:24 PM

BH

“ *One of the finest, funniest, compassionate and loving person I've ever known. God speed Jim. You will live in our hearts forever. Bill Hutton*

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**bill hutton** - September 06, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DP

*A Purple Heart friend for so many years. I loved your sense of humor and compassion. God bless Jim. You will never be forgotten. ❤️💜❤️*

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**Donna Poulter** - September 07, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JB

*My most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jim Randles. As those who knew him can attest, he was a unique and audacious man of admirable character and quality. He was one (1) of only three (3) residents of the state of Georgia ever elected as the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), a group whose membership is exclusively limited to combat wounded active-duty U.S. military and veterans. He was twice elected as State Commander of the MOPH in Georgia (2001/2002) before being elected as the National Commander in 2005. In 2006 Jim was nominated and voted onto the Board of Directors of the Purple Heart Foundation where he has diligently served with a recognized passion in the past sixteen (16) years. The wit, charm, humor, sarcasm, 'fire', enthusiasm, and tempered coolness that Jim shared as a Foundation Board Member consistently exemplified his motto of "Never Give up!" and will be affectionately missed. In his many roles as a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend he achieved what we all ascribe to be. In the veteran community, Jim was that fellow GI that was there, and 'had your back' with every ounce of his being. Suffice it to say, "Yours in Patriotism - Rest in Peace".*

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**James M. Blaylock** - September 14, 2023 at 03:21 PM