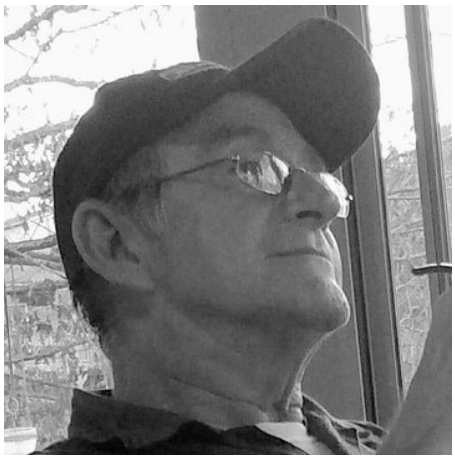
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MSgt. James Thomas Bass, USCA, Retired

Sept. 10, 1950 - Aug. 26, 2023

MSgt. James Thomas Bass, USA, Retired, 72, of Asheville, NC, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on September 10, 1950, he was the son of the late James Edwin bass and Fannie Ellen Fox Bass.

James retired as a mail carrier from the US Post Office after his retirement from the army. He was a member of the Bald Creek Masonic Lodge #397. He enjoyed growing flowers, fishing, and helping people. He loved spending time with his friends and family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Catherine Snipes Bass; son, Bryan Bass (Andi); grandchildren, Coty Edwards (Savanna), Allyson Edwards, Jessica Edwards, Cassidy Ruholl, Christina Bass, and Brandon Bass; great-grandchildren, Stormy Workman, Skyler Backstrom, and Sofia Backstrom; and sisters, Joyce Bass Wilber (Mike), Kay Bass Cook (Bob), Delores Bass Trenary (Gilbert), Karen Bass Suttles (Tim), and Libby Pritchard; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Bass Edwards.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, September 10, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of James' life will follow at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Chaplain Mickey Swann officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park. Military honors will be provided by

the US Army and the Caldwell County Honor Guard. Masonic rites will be provided by Bald Creek Masonic Lodge #397.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Rest in Peace, Sir, knowing and serving with your son, I know what a great father you must have been.

—George R Holtje Jr



Thank you for your service to our Great country and your community young man. You were a great friend throughout High School at Drexel, always with a smile! Class of 68! May God continue to bless your great family! You were a real "Wolverine" at heart! Rest in peace.

—Fred Goins



Jim Bass was my best friend. I served with Jim in the Army. He was my supervisor, but more importantly he was my best friend. He was always there for his friends. He always had a smile or joke to tell. Our friendship lasted from 1988 till now. We talked on the phone for hours when we called each other. Jim was more than a friend, he was family. He was good to my Son's as we went fishing and hunting together. He will be missed. I have lost touch with other military members, but not Jim. He would call me and tell me he had seen a picture of one of my grandchildren on

facebook, often before I did. If you had the good fortune to know Jim and called him friend, you were blessed. Jim never met a stranger. Jim and Cathy welcomed my Wife and I when we came to Ashevillle. Old stories of our fishing and hunting trips would be revisited and our times in the Army together. Jim was always the strong healthy one, I, on the other hand was not so lucky. But, Jim was always there to give encouragement and make me smile when I was down. I will miss you, old buddy, but I will see you again some day. Love, Your oldest and dearest friend, Jim Fair

—SFC (Ret) Jim Fair

I want to thank you for your service. God bless you and your family.

—Linda Fair



My thoughts and prayers to Kathy and family. May he rest in peace. Linda

—Linda Fair



We love you Jim and will be missed . You are a great man

—Jeff fair

Delores, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

—Denise Lowry



We are sorry for your loss. We pray God gives you peace and comfort at this time. Love and prayers Donna

–Donna Ross



Enter into that house not made with hands. Rest easy brother. So mote it be.

–Joshua Kanipe



I love you brother. May you be eternally happy with our precious Lord and Savior. I love you Cathy, Bryan and grandchildren. I pray God comforts and gives you peace in the days and weeks ahead. He was the best big brother I could have ever prayed for. See you when I get there precious brother.

–Cook Kay

Condolences to the family. Went to school with James. (class of ‘68). He was a great guy. He will be missed.

–Jacky Cox



Thank you for your service to your country and your community young man, God bless you and yours and may you rest in peace. God's speed Master Sergeant !

–David Buchanan