



James Hansel Drainer, Jr.

January 4, 1945 - June 11, 2020

James Hansel “Jim” Drainer, Jr, age 75, of St. Augustine, passed away on June 11, 2020 at Bailey Family Center for Caring. He was born on January 4, 1945 in Baltimore, Maryland and grew up in the Baltimore area. He joined the US Army in 1963 and served the 82nd Airborne Division as a medic. During his service he was a member of the unit that carried out Operation Power Pack in the Dominican Republic, and other missions during the Viet Nam Era. Jim was proud of his military service and recently was able to re-connect with 20 members of his former unit teammates. He was active in the VFW, DAV, American Legion, and the 82nd Airborne Assn. After his discharge from the US Army Jim worked as a Flooring Specialist for many years. Most recently he worked as a Military Police and Tool Parts Attendant at NAS Jax. More than anything Jim loved his family. He was a tireless provider for his family and will be remembered as the “best husband, father and grandfather that anyone could ever ask for”. Jim was also well known and loved by all those he met. He will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Veronica Kwaitkowski and Elizabeth Francisco, and brother, Thomas Drainer. He is survived by his loving wife, Mona Laurie Drainer; daughter, Darlyne Johnson; son, James H. “Skip” Drainer III and wife Rebecca all of St Augustine, FL.; a sister, Mary Handlin of St Augustine, FL; brothers, Paul Drainer and Bruce Drainer, both of Wilmington, DE; and grandchildren, Aidan and Rogan Drainer, and Trisan

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A memorial service with military honors will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 19, 2020 at St Johns Family Funeral Home with Rev. Gregg Fischer officiating. In keeping with the CDC COVID guidelines we will restrict the number of guest to 50% capacity during the service. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed on our website: www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com .

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Hansel Drainer, Jr.*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 23, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Hansel Drainer, Jr.*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 04:59 PM

TM

*Dear Mona and Family,
I love this honorable tribute to Jimmy. It's a beautiful memorial of his full, happy life from when he was a young man throughout his years as a soldier, a husband, a father, a brother, a son, a grandad, a cousin, and a friend.
God bless his soul and may he rest in eternal peace.
Love always,
Your cousin Terti from Manchester, Maryland.*

Terri Murphy - June 20, 2020 at 06:58 AM

BH

“ We tried steaming the memorial service for Jim but it the wheel just kept spinning and would not connect; not enough push or pull. I hope others were able to see the service. We are disappointed to have missed it but were still there in mind and spirit. Our love to Mona, Darlene and Skip.

I have great memories of Jim, Ed, Reggie and me when we rented an apartment in Greensboro where we spent many fun weekends.

Bob and Susan Hawkins

Bob Hawkins - June 19, 2020 at 01:39 PM

GK

The recording of the service is on this page now and you're able to watch it in its entirety. My apology for the difficulty you had initially.

*Sincerely,
George Kotrady
Co-Owner*

George Kotrady - June 23, 2020 at 11:45 AM

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“ *From Nick Oglesbee
Paratrooper helps Paratrooper
I first met Doc in 1964 at the parade field at Fort Bragg when he came to get me and take me to Hq. Co. Jim looked big to me for I was only 5ft.4 and 125 pounds. I grabbed my duffel bag. We started walking. Jim was talking all the way. My duffel bag kept getting heavier and would drag the ground so often. So Doc stopped and said " let me carry that for you. " He carried it until we got close to Hq Co. Then, I carried it the rest of the way. That is the kind of paratrooper he was, willing to help anyone.*

Nick Oglesbee - June 19, 2020 at 12:22 AM



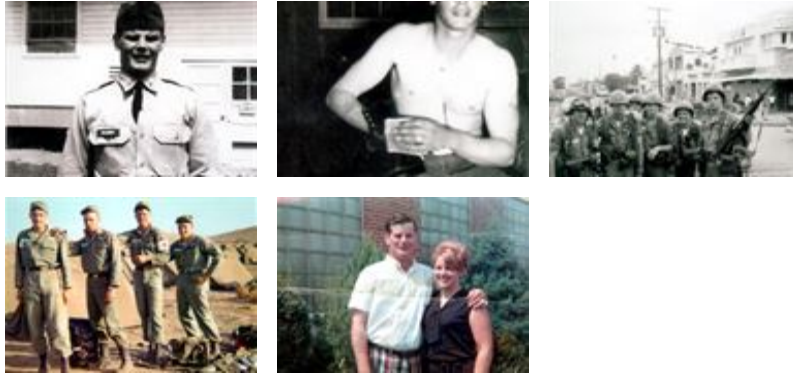
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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 18, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ 23 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Brian & Tracey Nourse purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..



Brian & Tracey Nourse - June 17, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 16, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..



June 16, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..*



June 15, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..*



June 14, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Early 1966 Jim & Mona came to my house for a visit. We talked about our time in the 82nd and combat in the Dominican Republic. I shared the pictures that I took while in the DR, he ask me to borrow them to make copies. 48 years later we got together at Ft Bragg and Jim "Doc" gave my pictures back. I am going to miss you Doc, you were a true Airborne brother & friend.
Airborne All the Way
John Urbach*

John D Urbach - June 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

AA

Jim , it's hard to think about you not being here. We were buds in 2nd platoon 1/503 Ft Bragg 1963. So many memories. A few years ago I got a call from you, within 5 minutes 50 years were erased and we were both 18 again!! Reliving so many experiences. I will miss calling you when down and being reminded of this:: When the going gets tough the Tough get going:: Airborne All the Way!!! Soft landings my friend.

Adam Abshire - June 14, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..



June 14, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..



June 14, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..



June 14, 2020 at 08:12 AM

BH

“ Jim will always be a positive memory. Our more than 52 years of friendship beginning in the 82d Airborne up until the last time we visited with each other in February 2020. His dedication to the 82d Airborne was superseded only by his complete love and devotion for Mona. Jim will be missed greatly but his spirit will endure.

Bob Hawkins - June 14, 2020 at 07:21 AM

BH

“ Doc always was a very stand up guy. He is what this Country is all about ! His dedication to other people, such as I He gave me hope when I didn't have any! Bless you Brother, I'll see you on my next Jump! May the Good Lord Bless Mona to be strong and have good things happen to Her in this time of need. Always your Brother in life and Spirit .

Bruce Harrell - June 14, 2020 at 06:59 AM

KD

“ Avery one loved Doc . He all ways cared more for every one else before his self .God and may we all meet again a hundred years from now and still be AIRBORNE Brothers, and always be..
AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!!

kenneth Densmore - June 14, 2020 at 12:53 AM

TM

“ Terri Murphy lit a candle in memory of James Hansel Drainer, Jr.



Terri Murphy - June 13, 2020 at 11:10 PM

TM

*Rest in peace dear cousin, Jimmy. I'll always remember your sense of humor and wonderful smile.
Love, Terri*

Terri Murphy - June 14, 2020 at 05:29 AM

TM

Sending healing prayers and comforting peace to Jimmy's widow, Mona, and his children, Skip, and Darlyne. 🙏❤️🙏🙏 Also, sending my deepest sympathy to his siblings: Mary, Paul, Bruce and his wife, Nancy. I Love you All! Terri

Terri Murphy - June 15, 2020 at 05:12 AM

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“ *The Dixon Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of James Hansel Drainer, Jr..*



The Dixon Family - June 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM