



## Margaret Brenda James Railey

July 26, 1948 - August 29, 2023

With this, we honor the life of Margaret Brenda-James Railey, a woman whose journey through life was nothing short of extraordinary. Margaret was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, and spent her formative years in sunny Tampa, Florida. Her life was marked by significant achievements, resilience, and a deep well of love.

Margaret's commitment to education was unwavering. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from Florida State University and later pursued a Master's degree from Murray State. Remarkably, she managed to serve our nation for four years in the U.S. Army while pursuing her education, proudly serving with the 101st Air Assault Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Following her military service, Margaret embarked on a career as an International Military Affairs Analyst in Washington, D.C. Her dedication and analytical skills were highly regarded in her field.

In 1981, Margaret's path led her to Minerva, California, where she met her marvelous husband Charles. Their love story began at the Defense Language Institute, where Margaret was studying the Czech language. This was a turning point that shaped the rest of her life.

Margaret was not only intellectually gifted but also a talented artist. Her

artwork was a reflection of her inner creativity and left a lasting impression on those who had the privilege of seeing it. Her family was her pride and joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Tennis was another passion in Margaret's life. She approached the game with enthusiasm and shared it with her loved ones. Her competitive spirit was evident, yet she always displayed grace in both victory and defeat.

In Fairfax, Virginia, Margaret found a sense of belonging in the local Episcopal church, where her faith served as a steadfast anchor through life's trials.

In January 2023, Margaret began a new chapter in St. Augustine, Florida. Though she has left us, her legacy of determination, love for learning, and devotion to family and community will endure. While we mourn her passing, let us also celebrate the remarkable life she lived and the inspiration she provided to us all. Margaret, you will be deeply missed, but your memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband, Charles Railey, her daughter, Margaret "Lynn" Railey, and her son, James Alexander Railey, along with his wife Amber of Woodbridge, Virginia.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Henry & Evelyn James, as well as her sister, Marsha Kirby James.

Margaret's spirit lives on through her family, and she will be deeply missed but forever remembered in our hearts.

A funeral service will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at St.

Johns Family Funeral Home with Pastor John Beard officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery with military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

505 N Rodriquez Street  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME  
385 State Rd 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

## Interment Following Services

SEP 5. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery  
505 N Rodriquez Street  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall



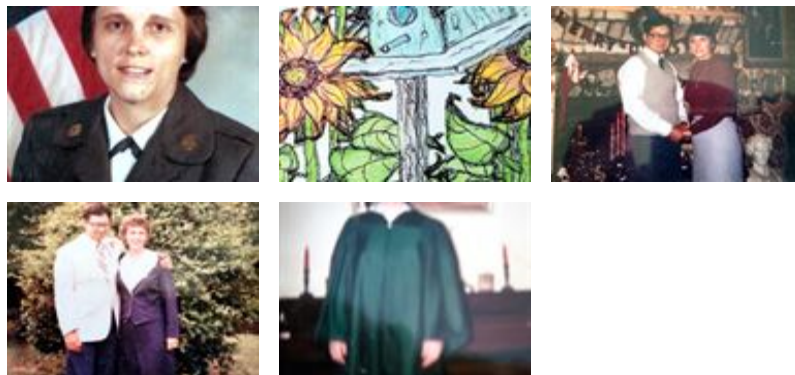
“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Brenda James Railey*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Margaret Brenda James Railey.*



September 01, 2023 at 06:46 PM

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“ Laurie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Margaret Brenda James Railey



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Laurie Edwards - September 01, 2023 at 05:42 PM

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“ Dearest Mark, Lynn and Alex,  
I'm so sorry I won't be able to be there with you for Margaret's funeral, but in this rugged frontier setting of Alaska I sense a closeness to Margaret. The wide open natural beauty speaks of expansive adventure and God's awesome creativity. Margaret appreciated both!! Even when her body limited her opportunities for exploring, her mind and memories were always sharp to learn new things and share stories of places she visited and things she did. Most especially I knew Margaret as a woman of Faith in God, of Hope for the fulfillment of His promises and of Love for Jesus, her family and her friends.

I was blessed these many years to call her friend and sister in Christ. Now, until we meet again, I am blessed with the confidence of her being counted among the cloud of witnesses cheering us all along the balance of our own earthly journey.

You all will remain in my prayers for comfort as you move forward without her there with you... though ever close in your hearts and only just across the veil between time and eternity.

With love, Laurie

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Laurie Edwards - September 01, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Brenda James Railey.*



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September 01, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Brenda James Railey.*



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August 31, 2023 at 08:47 PM