



James William Dilts, P.E.

October 9, 1945 - February 19, 2022

Jim was born in Tulsa, OK to Lawrence Masters Dilts, P.E. and Aileen Bessie Connely Dilts on October 9, 1945. He received a Bachelors of Science in Engineering Physics and was commissioned 2nd LT US Air Force on May 30, 1970. He earned a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Oklahoma at Norman on May 10, 1980. Jim had been employed by TDCJ for 9 years at the time of his death.

He flew 346 combat missions over north Vietnam and eleven missions over Hanoi during Christmas 1972 and was awarded the Air Medal four times.

Jim was an amazing and unique individual, with a keen mind and a heart of gold. He is survived by his significant other of 42 years, Melvina Rose Sheridan; her children James Sheridan, Shelby Sheridan and Grant Sheridan. Cousins Sylvia Scheffler Cunningham, Rodney Scheffler, Chris Cunningham, Janine Magnuson and husband Steve, Andrew Scheffler and wife Glenda and DeAnna Scheffler.

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Cemetery

6420 S. 129th E. Ave.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 24. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *James William Dilts, P.E.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jim always had a very sweet spirit about him~biggest kindest heart and a smile to match. Jim was an extremely intelligent man. He will be sorely missed by so many people ~he was a part of our family for sure.* ❤️😊💙😭🙏

Rita A. Pyles - February 24, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *You never saw Jim without a smiling face and an interesting story. He made a definite positive impact in this world and will be sorely missed.*

Lisa Breder - February 22, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Deanna Isom lit a candle in memory of James William Dilts, P.E.*



Deanna Isom - February 22, 2022 at 01:54 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of James William Dilts, P.E.*



M. Hyvl - February 22, 2022 at 01:46 PM

KS

Yes, Jim's smile/grin was addictive..sweet sweet man! And I had forgotten until just a few minutes ago...all the "science-related" conversations we shared!

Katherine Svatek - February 22, 2022 at 06:10 PM

BC

I loved his military service stories.

Brian Carney - February 23, 2022 at 07:59 AM

TF

Just as quickly as Jim would pour out a story he would refill with something new going on in the world that he could share. He was a generous man who was educated & sent to educate others. The things he marveled at were details someone else passed by unnoticed. God always has a way of pointing these things out & Jim was his model man of doing just that. Jim is a good memory!

The Teas Family - February 24, 2022 at 11:10 AM