



James S Floyd

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James S. Floyd, of Decatur, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family at 4:32 AM Tuesday morning. Per his wishes, there will be no services or funeral. A private family service will be held at a later date at his gravesite in Camp Butler National Cemetery as Jim had tremendous respect for all military servicemen and women and was proud of his three years of service in the Army (1952 - 1954) where he was a member of the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper.

Jim is the son of Helen and John Floyd and was born on June 30, 1933 in Amarillo, Texas. His family settled in Decatur when Jim

was a young boy. He was one of six children. Jim made his life in Decatur and married Cynthia S. Ficker in October of 1956. After his military service, Jim and his father started the 5 J's Billiard Room. He later worked at the Fashion Plate, Borg-Warner, Metzler's and then retired after 29 years at PPG Industries. Jim also co-owned Decatur Exterminating Company with his father and co-owned the Pizza Palace with his brother, Jerry. Jim didn't know a stranger and was known for having a great sense of humor and his loyalty to family and friends. He willingly shared wisdom and advice based on his life experiences with his children, grandchildren and their friends and business associates. Jim could fool young and old with a coin, card or numbers trick and he always got the best of them. He didn't mind a good game of poker and he usually won which made him a formidable Old Maid player with the younger crowd. Jim had a passion for nature and animals, loved fishing, especially at Trade Lake, WI, shooting pool, playing golf, mushroom hunting, gardening, canning his famous hot peppers and writing poetry in notes to his family. A true legend among those who knew and loved him.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Cynthia, of Decatur, sons Joe Floyd (Arlene) of Chesapeake, VA; Jeff Floyd (Carolyn) of Chicago and Dawson, IL; Jason Floyd (Donnette) of Maroa, brothers Jack Floyd of Mission, TX; Jerry Floyd of Winchester, IL; and Jay Floyd also of Mission, TX. Jim also has three loving and wonderful grandchildren: Alex Floyd (Paige) of Kansas City, MO; Jackie Floyd (Alex) of Newport Beach, CA and Jordan Floyd of Maroa, IL. Preceding him in death and



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waiting for him are his parents, infant son Ricky Floyd, infant daughter Julie Floyd, sister Betty and brother Bill.

In lieu of flowers and to honor Jim's passions, contributions can be made to any of the following charities: The Gary Sinise Foundation at garysinisefoundation.org or The Nature Conservancy at support.nature.org or Ronald McDonald House at support.rmhc.org.

The family of James Floyd is being served by the Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, leave condolences and share memories at www.Gracelandfairlawn.com



Events

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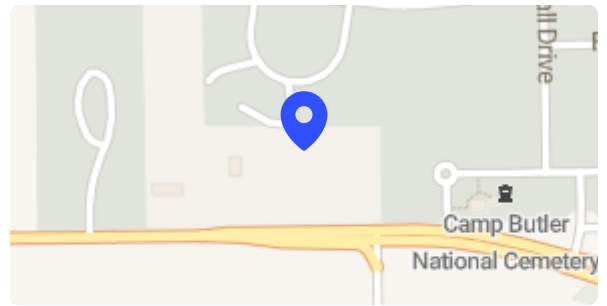
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Cemetery Details



Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, Springfield IL 62707





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DM

Debbie Menke posted:

Rest In Peace Uncle Jim. Although we lived all over the country growing up, whenever we were in Decatur, dad and mom always made sure we got to your house to visit. Prayers and condolences to Aunt Cynthia, the boys and their families. ❤️

April 22 at 2:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Floyd family.



April 20 at 12:39 PM

KM

Kirk Alan Myers posted:

I will always remember Jim's special sense of humor. Whenever he would stop by to visit Cynthia and the rest of us at the St Marys Hospital Credit Union, we could always count on him for a chuckle and a laugh. Our condolences to Cynthia and the Floyd Family. Love-Kirk & Julie Myers

April 20 at 4:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Floyd family.



April 17 at 10:06 AM

JF

Jack Floyd posted:

I look at this picture and I think Jim is going to try to b s me. He was always up to something and you better be careful because he is going to get you one way or another. Everyone that knew Jim down here in Texas said he was the 'nicest guy'!. That always ticked me off because they never says/said that about me. But I have to say, they are/were right. Rest Jim: I will see you later. Jack

April 17 at 9:27 AM



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JE

Jennifer posted:

Dear family,I have so many wonderful memories of being with my Uncle Jim and the entire Floyd family. Growing up, a holiday was never complete without a trip to Uncle Jim and Aunt Cynthia's for a pitch in meal and LOADS of family. And Thanksgiving often included bounty from Uncle Jim's hunting season. My favorite memory however, is when my Granda Ficker's health first started to fail. I drove down from Minnesota to spend some time with her and Uncle Jim and Aunt Cynthia welcomed me into their home. I loved spending time at the hospital with my grandmother but what I most enjoyed was being able to be in my Aunt and Uncle's home. I LOVED being the only family member there and that I got to have all of their attention :-). It was a joy to spend be with them in conversation and laughter AND I will forever LOVE jalapeños with spot of cream cheese... just enough to cool the burn. My love goes to you all.

April 17 at 2:14 AM

CF

Cynthia Fitzgerald lit a candle in honor of James.

Sending love and prayers to you Cynthia and boys. So sad to hear of Jim's passing. Mom and Dad will certainly miss him and the frequent nights out for supper! Rest In Peace Cynthia (Hogan) Fitzgerald



April 16 at 6:10 PM

CS

Christy Spellman posted:

Dearest Aunt Cynthia & family, I cannot express enough my sadness and sympathy at this time of loss to you and your family. Also extended family & friends who's live's were enriched so deeply by knowing and loving such a GREAT man. He was truly a "One of a Kind".The stories and memories I hold in mind and heart are, as I write, making me laugh and cry at the same time! I can't tell you how long my dad, Jerry, would take to tell a Uncle Jim story because he was laughing to hard to start the thing!!!! We waited in anticipation, and it was always worth it to eventually hear.Childhood memories are my fondest when the cousins were together on Lake Ridge Ave. or in Harristown, and eventually Findlay, IL. Weather it was a puppy heist of a dog named "Lucky", sending me down the basement stairs in a box (OUCH"), dirt bike wrecks, or just being where we shouldn't be, doing all the stuff we shouldn't do..... Uncle Jim just shook his head and after a pause (The Floyd boys could pause ya know!) would just laugh his best laugh. I can hear that laugh in my head right now!! I so glad my dad laughs the same way!!The distance we are enduring does not diminish where my heart is at this time of loss & sadness. I will remember my Uncle Jim with such admiration, respect and love to a life very well lived. I am truly lucky to have had him in my life.With Love,Christy (Floyd) Spellman & family

April 16 at 7:42 AM



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Janet Edgecombe posted:

Dear Cynthia and family, I am so VERY sorry for your great loss. Just seems like the other day when we celebrated your birthday at the new moon cafe and Jim was giving advice about things to do to have a long marriage...I listened! The obituary was an awesome testimony. Much love Cynthia ♥. Janet Edgecombe

April 15 at 10:56 AM

MC

Mary Sigmon Cornell April 18 at 5:59 AM

To the Floyd family, Cynthia I pray strength and peace in your heart someday... I will always remember you, Jim and Jason and Jeff and Joe.. thank you and Jim for sharing your kindness and showing me how to love each other sincerely and having such a great family.. my sincere condolences for you all. Sending hugs..



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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