



James 'Jim' Victor Bracht

March 29, 1949 - January 14, 2025

James (Jim) Victor Bracht, 75 of Spring, Texas, passed on January 14th, 2025.

Jim was born on March 29th, 1949, in Houston, Texas to Raymond and Violet (Grubbs) Bracht. After Jim graduated from Austin High School in 1967, he went on to join the Harris County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy. Jim had several roles within HCSO including a Pilot in the helicopter division and leading the DARE program. He was awarded the 100 Club award for his work in the Harris County Jail commissary and bank. Jim retired as a Sergeant after proudly serving for 37 years.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, father, 2 sisters, Joyce and Sandra Lynn, and 2 brothers, Sonny and Donald Ray.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Betty (Blair) Bracht, daughter Christina and husband, Sterling, and son James and wife Sara. He also leaves behind one sister, Debbie, his grandchildren Scott, Morgen, Grace, Isabelle and Michael and 7 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Tranquility Oaks Cemetery in Spring, Texas at 3 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Tranquility Oaks Cemetery

22302 Hildebrandt Road
Spring, TX 77389
(281) 350-0998
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 16. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ So sorry to hear of this!. Sarg Bracht was the guy that nudged me (through Deputy Benny Parsley) into becoming a Harris County Sheriff's Deputy. Benny and I played music for the D.A.R.E kids for many years and Sargent Bracht was incredibly supportive. He was an enthusiastic recommendation on my application to the SO and made many important phone calls to streamline the process. 27 years later I'm retired from a great career. He was such a great guy and truly loved being in community service. Deepest sympathy to the family, but please know, the Sarg made a difference in many lives!

Steve Fontenot

Steve Fontenot - January 16, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MA

“ As I was assisting my grandma in writing my grandpas obit, I was thinking "man I really wish this hit on what a great presence of a man he was".

Then my brother said, "everyone who knew him... they knew!"

My childhood was filled with great memories of spending weekends (and every new years) at Grandpa Brachts house!

He would pick us up on Friday after school in his unmarked police car- we'd ride home and stop off at the biggest fireworks store I'd ever seen and he'd let us spend WAY to much money.

Then we'd stop at the grocery store to get all the ingredients for the most elaborate and difficult meals he could have possibly picked for us to make. He was an amazing chef!

In the kitchen standing over his skillet he'd yell

"Betty, hush!"

"Morgen, chop the onions smaller!"

"Scotty, what's the score on the Rockets!?"

He taught me to make the most delicious Irish coffees and we texted each other pictures every single time we had one.

He'd get everything I put on my difficult Christmas wish list exactly right every single year- talk about a shopaholic.

He'd yell at grandma for showing us how to light and throw the blackcats right out of our hands.

He'd be more excited than us when we wanted to go into his train room and watch it run!

He owned every DVD ever released so we could watch whatever we wanted when we went to visit.

He'd stay up with us every newyears until midnight so we could watch the ball drop together.

He made sure to take me to get my concealed handgun license at 19, because there was no way his granddaughter was going to be running the Houston streets unprotected.

And lastly he was the first face I saw when I walked through my front door after my year long deployment, ready to give me one of his great big bear hugs!

He was definitely a presence of a man from his size and voice to his booming laugh and he most definitely will be missed.

Morgen Arlitt - January 16, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*



January 16, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*



January 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*

January 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *Leona Peterson lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht*



Leona peterson - January 15, 2025 at 08:12 PM

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“ *The Transportation Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*



The Transportation Department - January 15, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*



January 15, 2025 at 01:41 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*

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VC

“ *Vickie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.*

Vickie C. - January 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM

EA

“ Jim and I were neighbors and best friends for 45 years. I retired from HPD in 1991 and he was a great boss when I worked for him at HCSO. Jim knew lots about lots of different interests, and loved to learn. Happy hour started anytime we chose. No man had a better or more loyal friend.

Ed Aldridge - January 14, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.



January 14, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Victor Bracht.



January 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM