



James Earl Spykerman

December 31, 1956 - September 13, 2020

James Earl Spykerman was born in Houston, TX Dec. 31, 1956, lived most of his life in Montgomery County, Texas and died in the Michael E. DeBakey VA Hospital in Houston of heart failure due to COVID-19 after several weeks of a valiant struggle to overcome this terrible disease which has claimed so many. He was baptized on February 10, 1957, in Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Houston, TX and confirmed in the faith in Zion Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX. Although he later left all organized religion, he died a believing Christian and we know he is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and our family and his friends who were waiting to joyfully welcome him to heaven.

Jimmie attended Pilgrim Lutheran and then Tomball Lutheran Schools through the eighth grade, then graduated from Magnolia High School in Magnolia, TX. He joined the U.S. Marines in 1975 and served for four years. He attended some community college before working in the building trade as an expert carpenter and very capable electrician, plumber and floor installer and acquired many other skills. He was an expert at barbecue and learned to make and can jelly from fresh fruit that he picked.

Although he, like his father before him, was quick to anger and often profane, he also had a wonderful sense of humor, was generous with his time and his skills, loved beautiful things and had great taste when choosing gifts. He read often and even ordered new books to read while he was in the hospital and, to the end, was a staunch Republican in his politics. In the past few years he endured several serious health issues, some painful, which kept him from

doing all the things he wanted to do. We rejoice for him that all pain and frustration has been replaced with eternal joy and peace.

As a proud former Marine, he asked to be buried in the National Cemetery with his "brothers." As Jimmie would like to say, Semper Fi. We have honored his request rather than having him join the rest of the Spykermans in Zion Lutheran Cemetery where he already had a place reserved for him.

Once we were a family of six and now we are two. Jimmie (Jim to his friends) was preceded in death by all of his grandparents, his parents, Gene and Rose Ann Ranville Spykerman and brothers infant Larry Gene and Larry Paul Spykerman. Left to mourn him are his daughter, Angela Fawn Spykerman (Ryan Steward), step-son Cory Hunt (Shelter), sisters Sandra Warren (Tom) and Susan Spykerman, grandchildren Lydia, Mason, Jordyn, Carson and Hayden, two nephews, one aunt, one uncle and five cousins. Also grieving is his girlfriend of 15 years, Kathleen Smith and former wives Kerry Ann and Maggie.

The Reverend Jerome Teichmiller, who was his confirmation pastor, officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ He was in the Marine corps for 7 years if y'all knew him you would have known that that's all I got to say

Kathleen Smith - October 26, 2024 at 11:49 PM



“ James Earl Spykerman

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ Dad, the last time I saw your face we were having a belated birthday lunch date. Of course, you wouldn't let me pay, even though it was your day. A man of opinions and I knew better than to argue. Well, I may have objected once but it was clear you weren't letting me have that one. But if I'd have known that was the last time I'd see your face and hear your stories I would have dropped going back in to work in a heartbeat to spend the rest of the day with you and finished conversations that were started that day but never completed. I would have hugged you tighter, longer. I love and miss you, Dad. - Until we meet again in heaven.



Fawn Spykerman - September 24, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ I fondly remember Jimmy always being kind hearted and treating me me with respect. I have also the highest respect for his military service as a U.S Marine to our Country to have the freedom we have today. I am proud to have been his friend. He was a. Friend that was always there for his friends and family in their time of need. My deepest condolences to all that loved him. ,, Sincerely, Carol

Carol Heinsohn - September 23, 2020 at 12:34 AM

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“ There are to many memories to choose from and every one of them are special. You were a presence that can not be described and the emptiness that is left by his passing is endless.. He had the best little chuckle when something tickled him. I will miss every nuance and incredible aura that was Jim. I will always love you big goat

Kathleen Smith - September 22, 2020 at 08:56 AM

JG

“ Jimmy is a first cousin and we are the same age. It's hard to believe that he has passed. I actually only met him twice, but have also heard not a few stories. I found him to be super personable and likeable, and he a very talented guy, with a bit of an obstinate streak that sometimes got the better of him. I am very sorry and sad for what must have been a difficult and painful several weeks for Jimmy and his surrounding family. My best wishes to those closest to him to be able to adjust to his exit from their everyday lives. Peace to all.

Jerry Gottheil and family.

Jerry Gottheil - September 21, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Earl Spykerman.*



September 19, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Jimmy was a great childhood friend of my brother Stick. They together were simply crazy. One evening Stick showed Jimmy my dads 22 rifle at about 11:30pm. Jimmy cocked the gun and Stick accidentally shot it off in the house. My dad Bud Lamar was in the living room in seconds and I don't think I've ever heard him dress down anyone they way he did them. I was stunned at the whole seen but later it brought very fond memories as the even made up a song of their episode. "Jimmy cocked the gun, Stick shot it off, his dad blew his top clean off, it rang through the halls then through the walls, now there are no boys at all"..... Jimmy always made me laugh and he was full of smiles.... A good man*

Gary H Lamar - September 18, 2020 at 11:07 AM