



## James "Doug" Strickland

May 28, 1953 - May 23, 2022

JAMES D. "DOUG" STRICKLAND, AOCS (USN-Retired)

05-28-53 – 05-23-22

James "Doug", age 68, left all who loved him May 23, 2022. He was born in Newton, Texas May 28, 1953. A true Texan!

He is preceded in death by his parents James L. and Florida Martin Strickland, brother Thomas W. Strickland and niece Melissa Rodriguez.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Claudia Goza Strickland, sister Sharon Aubin, Greenwood, La., nieces Tracey Meyer, Cabot, Arkansas, Melinda Strickland, Longview, Tx and nephew James David Dowden, Haughton, La., and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Doug joined the military right out of high school. He enjoyed the military and all the lifelong friends he made. After 24 years, he retired, earned his BS from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and moved to Texas to be closer to family. Too young to retire, he started working at Houston Intercontinental Airport until he retired completely.

Special thanks to Sue Goza for all her help to his wife, Claudia, during his illness.

Final arrangements pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to a charity of your choice.



# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Doug was a good friend and awesome Chief. I served with him in VP45 Jacksonville FL. He served as my sponsor when I made Chief in 1995. He and Claudia were always good hosts. We spent many a night in his garage playing darts and having a few lites and telling allot of sea stories. I will never forget you Doug. Thanks for all you did. IYAOYAS my AO brother. Fair winds and following seas.

Roy Brown - January 26, 2023 at 02:02 AM



“ James "Doug" Strickland

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM

AP

“ I will always fondly remember visiting Doug and Claudia a few years ago on Veterans Day weekend. Doug and I enjoyed many Miller Lites together at the VFW and playing table shuttle board. And how can anyone forget Ed's "cow-Brey-o." Thank you Doug, may you Rest In Peace. You will be remembered always, Alison Pendleton.

Alison Pendleton - June 03, 2022 at 07:15 PM

MH

“ We will miss you "Chief". I learned alot about remain cool from you and had alot of Air Force vs Navy jokes to get you to smile and you me cracking up. Thanks for allowing a young "jeep" to hang with a ole sailor to learn about life. Fair seas mon frere!

Michael Joseph Houghton - June 02, 2022 at 09:59 PM

DO

“ *Doug was a dear friend, and I will miss him.*

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**Donald M Oliver** - May 30, 2022 at 07:42 AM

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“ *Working with Doug on the airfield was a joy. I remember first meeting him and he would hold up his hand and say four !! I would look at him with this look on my face I like... what the hell. Not knowing until after a minute with a big grin on his face that he was holding up his three fingers saying four. I had never noticed until he pulled that joke that he was even missing his little finger. I will miss him and think of him in this way with a smart ass grin on his face, holding up three fingers.... four!!! Rest easy my friend !!*

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**Cahl Rasmussen** - May 29, 2022 at 03:42 PM