



James W. Snow Jr.

August 6, 1949 - December 23, 2020

Sergeant Major James Winfred Snow, Jr., U.S. Army retired, passed away on December 23, 2020.

Jay began his 29-year military service in 1969 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a member of the 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper communication specialist. Later, he attended the Defense Language Institute where he studied Russian. During his career, he served at the Pentagon in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1984, he moved to the White House where he worked on the Washington-Moscow Hotline. After various other assignments and his eventual promotion to Sergeant Major, he retired in 1998 after finishing his Army career at the National Security Agency.

After retirement, Jay graduated from the Birmingham School of Law and worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Walker County. After leaving the D.A.'s office, he devoted his time to serving other veterans and their families through the American Legion Woods-Smith Post 9 in Jasper where he served as Post Adjutant. He also served as Judge Advocate for the American Legion Department of Alabama.

Graveside services and interment will be Monday December 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm at New Horizon Memorial Gardens in Dora. Chaplain Larry Stewart will officiate. Due to the current Covid-19 protocols, the visitation will be for the immediate family only. Everyone who would like to do so, may attend the graveside service.

He was preceded in death by his father, James W. Snow, Sr. and his mother, Donie Snow.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Prestley Snow; children, Sloan Snow and wife Sumer Craig and Morgan Snow Skelton and husband Matt; grandchildren, Luke and Prestley Skelton and Ivy and Ruth Snow; siblings, Rick Snow (Brenda), Elizabeth Snow, Patricia Key (Leland), Sandra Prestley (Johnny), David Snow (Donna), Jena Guerin and Gaye Martin.

He was most proud of his family, especially his four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to American Legion Woods-Smith Post 9, Veterans Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1204 Jasper, AL 35502 to continue Jay's legacy of advocacy for veterans.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *James W. Snow Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Jay and I worked together for many years. He was one of those people whose judgment mattered a great deal to me in my career. Jay devoted his life to serving and helping others. He was highly intelligent, hard working and had a keen sense of justice. He helped so many people and never seemed to care about receiving any credit or recognition for his efforts. He was a man I greatly admired and I will sorely miss him and his leadership. Walker County has lost a great man.*

Henry Allred - December 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Jay and I served together as young NCO's in Special Forces. He was a good friend and a great soldier. After serving his country Jay returned home and attended law school. Always helping others he then served the people of Walker County. I shall miss his counsel very much but most of all I will miss his true friendship. Prayers to Linda and Children.*
COL (Ret) Tony Wingo

Tony Wingo - December 28, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Snow Jr..*



December 27, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *It is with true sadness and heartfelt sympathy to learn J had passed away. Our condolences are offered to the family.*



After joining the National Chapter of the American Legion, I received an invitation to become a member of Post 9, in Walker County.

This invitation was from J and was welcomed with open arms. To me it was reassuring to make a friend of J and to be a valued member of Post 9.

I will always be thankful for the assistance and leadership advice I received from J during my disability award. J was a telephone call away and very respectful of the Members of Post 9. The U.S. Military has lost a hero, Post 9, the American Legion has lost a true Leader and we as members have lost a friend.

J's family and friends are in the thoughts and Prayers of our family.

Carol Jackson - December 26, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *J was true patriot very successful in all aspects of his life. A friend a people person friend to all he will be sorely missed. Prayers to the family.*

Bruce Hamrick

Bruce Hamrick - December 25, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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James always was straight forward and forthright. I appreciated that about him. While he worked at the District Attorney's he pursued justice in every instance and afterward became a champion for Boys State and veterans programs in our community

James was truly a great American citizen. Thoughts and prayers to his family

Bill Adair

Bill Adair - December 28, 2020 at 07:46 AM

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“ *Sergeant Major Jay Snow was a great American. He was an Airborne Pathfinder, bilingual serving this country in an outstanding manner, a born leader. He continued to serve after his retirement as a volunteer. Red Cross, American Legion (Adjutant) and other community projects where he spent many hours using his knowledge to make the community a better place. God Bless his family.*

J.W. Frye

james Frye - December 25, 2020 at 10:01 AM