



James Craig Brown

January 13, 1930 - March 1, 2019

James Craig Brown, Lt Col USMC (Ret), died suddenly Friday March 1, 2019. Born January 13, 1930 in Columbus Ohio, he graduated from Grandview Heights High School, Class of 1948, where he was a member of the Brothers of the Rook. He attended The Ohio State University, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science and in 1971 with a Master of Business Administration. He completed a 25- year career as a Marine Corps fighter pilot, serving two tours in Vietnam. Following his retirement from the Marine Corps in 1977, he he serves as Executive Director of the Columbus Rotary Club from 1978 to 1993. He also was a member of the Quiet Birdmen. James was preceded in death by his parents, Robert C. and Helen L. Brown, and his wife of 62 years, Beverly Stover Brown. He is survived by two daughters, Becky (Angel) Adames of Clarksville, TN, and Annie (Dave) Preston of Columbus, and a grandson Brown Scott Preston of Columbus. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday March 23, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, in Upper Arlington, where the family will receive friends one hour before the service. Interment will be at the Arlington National Cemetery , Washington, DC at a later date. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish can contribute to the Grandview Heights High School Brothers of the Rook Media Center, 1587 West Third Avenue, Columbus Ohio 43212; or to the Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Washington, DC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northwest Christian Church
1340 Fishinger Road
Columbus, OH 43221

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Craig Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Jim was outstanding as executive director of Columbus Rotary. His energy never flagged nor did his outstanding judgment waiver as he led this organization of more than 500 community business and professional leaders.*

Regrettably, we could not be present to pay our respects as we were out of state but his excellence and professional demeanor were top of mind as we recalled working in harness with him.

Dan Heinlen

Dan L. Heinlen - March 23, 2019 at 11:16 PM

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“ Jim Brown was a wonderful man. A leading member of one of the best classes (1948) at an all around fine school that has remained so. Jim was a star athlete at Grandview, a Beta Fraterkty brother and a Marin Lieutenant Colonel. Jim was soft spoken and unassuming.

Jim was an unassuming man and did special service for his country as a U. S. Marine fighter pilot with command responsibilities. Because his classmates included our Rudy older brthers Jack and Jim Rudy, I was lucky enough to share some moments years after retirement, like when Rose Mary and I visited Jack and Nancy at Fripp Island, South Carolina, when Jim Rudy and Jim Brown happened to be there as well - about five years ago. Such a memorable occasion.

Jim was well loved and I'm sure quite severely missed.

Dave Rudy, GHHS '52 and Beta theta Pi Fraternity brother at Ohio State.

Our condolences to Jim' family

David R Rudy MD, MPH - March 22, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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“ We shared many dinners, parties and visits with Jim and Bev Brown at Willow Brook until 2014 when we moved to Nashville and the Browns moved to Knightsbridge. Jim was such a good story teller recounting his military, Grandview, and life experiences. What wonderful memories we have of Jim. We send our deepest sympathy,
Donald and Sylvia Dupre

Donald Dupre - March 19, 2019 at 06:04 PM