



## James L. Murphy

June 19, 1933 - March 16, 2021

James Leroy Murphy, born 6-19-1933 in Ironton, Ohio, passed away in Columbus, Ohio on March 16th, 2021. Over the last 4 years, he made his home in Galion, Ohio, but lived all over the United States and the world. His military travels took him to many places including time served in Vietnam, Japan, Germany, Washington, California, Illinois, Indiana, Florida, Arizona, Kansas, and Ohio. He dedicated much of his life to the military starting in 1952 with the United States Marine Corps, United States Air Force, Indiana Air National Guard, United States Air Force Reserves, Department of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Defense. His dedication to helping others continued after his honorable discharge as a Major- USAF, in the Peace Corps volunteering in Bosnia-Herzegovina. While in Bosnia he made many friends and stayed in touch with them thru the rest of his life.

James was a lover of music, played the trumpet and marched in the Ohio State marching band during his time in college. He ultimately graduated from Otterbein University with a major in communications.

James was a devoted Christian and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Galion, Ohio. After retiring from the Air Force, he attended the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio studying to become a non-

denominational Chaplain.

James loved his friends, neighbors, and fellow church members. He also adored his dogs, Trixie, Bootsy, Daisy, and his two precious Beagles, Rusty and Russell. Most of all he loved his family, especially his great granddaughters. He will be forever missed.

James is survived by his sister, Patricia Hunt, nephew, James Hunt, (Diane), nephew, Rob Hunt, great-niece, Laura Hunt, his daughters Linda Murphy-Seidel Charek, (Russ) and Kathleen Murphy, grandsons Mark Murphy Seidel, (Rachael) and Julian Link and his great granddaughters, Madilyn Murphy Seidel, Regan Terese Seidel and a new Seidel baby, due this Summer. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Leroy Murphy, mother Corabelle Murphy, sister, Betty Anne Rigeon, his uncle, Addison Hunt and the mother of his daughters, Janice Murphy.

Due to the horrible toll COVID has taken on our world, nation, and family, there will be a private family burial, with Military honors on Monday, March 29th, 2021. To pay tribute to James, please consider donating to the Wounded Warriors foundation, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> in his honor.

# Cemetery Details

## **Union Cemetery**

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *James and I were friends from high school ( a while ago) and stayed in touch over the years. We weren't able to stay in touch lately except by phone or email. I really really will miss him even though I got to see in only once in Galion. Godspeed to you, James.  
Barbara Turley*

**Barbara W. Turley** - April 09, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Condolences to you and family Kathleen. I remember hearing about your dad and his little dog and RV adventures. Glad that he got to have some time for that in the later years. May you carry his spirit on. Much Love to you.*

**Jessica Minshall** - March 25, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *James had been my client at the salon for 3 years now. He came to me one day wanting a "gentleman's haircut" and we bonded over being veterans. He was by far one of the sweetest men I had ever met and I looked forward to our chats.  
He talked very lovingly of his family, friends, and ornery dog Russell. We talked about his experiences with in the military and upcoming events withing his church.  
He will be truly missed and I wish his family the best.*

**Stephanie Valentine** - March 25, 2021 at 08:32 AM

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“ James was a wonderful help to me at the Indiana Veterans’ Home chapel.  
He had a great heart and respect for chaplaincy. He often attended our Iron Man group with David and Raymond, chapel, Bible study and Hymns service with Linda and JT.  
He was a good friend, comrade, and brother in Christ.  
May he Rest In Peace.

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**Chaplain David Hess** - March 25, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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*Kathleen. Sounds as if your dad had a great life, I am sure he will be missed, I will remember you in prayer in the days to come. Much love.  
Carol Hamilton*

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**carol hamilton** - March 27, 2021 at 03:59 PM