



James Martin Karnes

November 9, 2008

James Martin Karnes, 68, beloved husband, father and friend went home on November 9, 2008. He was a native of West Virginia, a retired Methodist Minister, retired Army Veteran, student and teacher of the Martial Arts for over 52 years.

Mr. Karnes is survived by his devoted wife, Sandra Beth Karnes; 3 daughters, Tammy Carrier, Teresa Bartos and Tonya Garrett; 2 sons, James Phillip Karnes and Benny Lee Karnes; sister, Elaine Culpepper; 5 grandchildren, Mark, Jordan, Shannon, Ligia, Sidney; and a great grandson Devon.

The Burial Service will be at Albert Horton, Jr., Veteran Cemetery, Suffolk on Friday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 15th at Jolliff United Methodist Church. The Family would like all memorial gifts to be given to Jolliff United Methodist to go towards the building fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *##imported-begin##cole oberchlake##imported-end##*

November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy,I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband.You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Gillispie Harper##imported-end##*

November 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have lost a great Christian leader and martial artist this week. I will always cherish both the teachings of Christ and of the martial way that Jim had shared with me through out the years. Jim lived his life teaching and helping others as Christ has shown and told us to do. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Jeff Disney##imported-end##*

November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8b.*

Jim Karnes was the embodiment of this in his daily walk with God. We are blessed to have known him and inspired by his faith and courage.

Even though we knew him only a relatively short time, we have many fond memories, including his gift of exhortation and preaching from the heart at Jolliff, dressed in humble, monk-like robes and a rope sash, his exercising on the circuit at the YMCA, then meticulously entering his workout details in his log book, his faithful attendance in leading his Sunday School class at Jolliff, under circumstances in which most of us would have been under the covers in our bed!

What an inspiring man! Thank you, LORD, for how you taught Jim to lead us by example.##imported-begin##Gary and Debbie Munn##imported-end##

November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ranger Jim was a great man. I have been very privileged to have known him.##imported-begin##Phil##imported-end##*

November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of this great mans lost, he was a true friend and my brother in the martial arts world, I hope that he and Dr. Steward will unite together in the kingdom of god and talk about all the wonderful things that god will now provide for them both, again may god bless you all thru this time##imported-begin##Calvin Campbell##imported-end##*

November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cap'n Crunch will be missed by those he taught at the "Y". We gave him a hard time but he always took it with a smile. Every future crunch will be done in honor of him. He always encouraged us to challenge ourselves. He always started class with a devotion and ended with "Remember, God loves you". I pray for peace for each of you. Jim is eternally with God and will await you there. Remember, God loves you.*

Sue Mann

Student of Jim's###imported-begin##Sue Mann###imported-end##

November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *A Ranger Died Today*

*His friends were the heroes in his stories of the past.
The world is a little poorer, for a Ranger died today.
He will be mourned by many with his children and his wife.
He is a Christian example of an extraordinary but quiet sort of life.*

*We can never thank him for the service that he gave.
When our country was in danger with enemies at hand,
The presence of a Ranger helped her make a stand.
The passing of a Ranger is a loss to the people of our land.*

*He has earned many honors, and has black belt titles galore.
Because of his merits, I would give him even more.
I write to pay him homage at the ending of his days.
Our nation is in mourning because a Ranger died today.###imported-
begin##R. David Lawrence###imported-end##*

November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there for you. Jim was a true friend for many years. It was an honor to be considered his friend. He will be sorely missed. The world has lost a special person.##imported-begin##Tom Manson##imported-end##

November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of the Family and grandchildren,
We were so blessed to have Jim and Sandy to come to our church and share many good times and learn so much about the Karnes and there walk with the Lord.
Love, Hugs & Prayers,
Monica and Family##imported-begin##Monica Brickett##imported-end##

November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We who were friends with the 2 of you will have a hard time letting go of Jim, he was true friend. Jolliff Church has lost a great christian man, we are so proud to have known him. Love and many prayers,
Joan and Donnie##imported-begin##Joan & Donnie Blair##imported-end##

November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was a very dear and kind man. I'm very blessed to have known him and to have had him as my friend. Although he will be greatly missed, I'm so happy that he is with his Lord, and pain-free. It's nice to know he is up there watching over all of those he cared about.
God Bless You Jim!##imported-begin##Debbie Boukhalfa##imported-end##

November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were blessed to have known Jim..We will hold his memory dear to our hearts.##imported-begin##Bert&Carol Culpepper##imported-end##

November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ The sweetest and most tenderhearted man will be terribly missed in our family and hearts. Jim made such a lasting impression with us the very first time we met him and Sandy and that memory will last forever in our hearts.##imported-begin##Pam & Perry Burritt##imported-end##

November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Karnes family,
Karnes-sensei was a God fearing good man and wonderful teacher.
The Christian Martial Arts world has lost one of its teachers, but
Heaven has gained the best.

Sincerely,

-Mike Lewis,

U.S. President, Karate for Christ Int'l.##imported-begin##Mike Lewis##imported-end##

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