



William Anthony "Tony" James

April 10, 1950 - June 7, 2021

Murrells Inlet.....

William Anthony "Tony" James, age 71, passed away Monday June 7 after an illness with his sister and brother-in-law by his side.

Tony was the son of William Arthur and Beryl Naylor James of Myrtle Beach. He was an avid sports fan and spent many happy days in the woods or on the river with his dog Belle, whom he adored, playing football, soccer and golf and following all sports on television. Mr. James graduated from Randolph Macon Military Academy in 1969 as Battalion Commander and co-captain of the football team, earned a BA from St. Andrews College and was the owner of William A. James Realty and Grand Strand Fitness and Racquet in Murrells Inlet. Tony was involved in many civic and community activities such as Civitan Club, Blue Knights, Ducks Unlimited, American Legion Riders and others. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Packard of Virginia, a sister, Randel James Hardwick and her husband, Steven of Johns Island S.C., a nephew, Travis Hardwick and his wife Elizabeth, their children Adam and Anne of Blythewood S.C. and a special friend, Debra M. Hunter of Front Royal, Virginia. Tony also had numerous local friends who were like family to him and many RMA "brothers".

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Graveside at Ocean Woods Memorial Cemetery, Thursday June 17, 2021, at 11:00 AM with Dr. J. Kirk Lawton, Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you make a donation to The

Randolph Macon Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund at <http://rma.edu/> there is a donate button at the top. Select "other" and type in RMA Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund and there is a tribute area at the bottom of the page to put Tony's name.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ocean Woods Cemetery
2408 S. Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach, 84391

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Just found this information out. Would love to hear from you Randi.
Pam Caughron Stottman. carseatlady@yahoo.com

Pam Caughron Stottman - February 08, 2023 at 09:08 PM

JK

“ Tony was my third-floor hall monitor during the '68-'69 school year, and on the evening of my first day at R-MA, summoned everyone to the expansive end-of-the-hall room he shared with C.C. Cheney and gave us all a speech I remember to this day. It helped to create and instill in me the sense of esprit de corps I carried with me through my R-MA career and far beyond.

News of Tony's passing saddens me; he joins far too many of my R-MA classmates who've descended "The Hill" for the last time. But I'm consoled by the belief they've reached the crest of a much higher hill, one I hope to one-day ascend myself.

Until then, along with all my other R-MA memories and friends, I shall remember Tony and his speech... he'll forever live in my thoughts.

RIP and Godspeed, my friend.

Jack M Kump - August 07, 2021 at 09:58 AM

JP

“ Tony and I were friends at R-MA. We were on the track team together and I remember him as being always positive and upbeat. He was always nice and kind and he had a great sense of humor. I am sorry for his family's loss.

John Palmer

John Palmer - August 06, 2021 at 04:27 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with the James family. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - June 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM