



James Michael Vicars

October 14, 1941 - May 1, 2019

James Michael Vicars, 77, of Ripley, formerly of St. Albans, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston with his family by his side. He fought a long battle with cancer. He had many highs and lows, but he finally won. He is now in Heaven with God's Son.

Jim was born October 14, 1941 in Spencer and was the first-born son of the late William Henry Vicars and Rosalie Kiser Vicars of Ripley who will celebrate her 102nd birthday in July, 2019.

In addition to his mother, Jim is survived by his brother, Stephen Vicars (Lanita) of Mineral Wells; daughter, Jayne Michelle Nester (John) of Scott Depot; son, Brian Michael Vicars (Connie) of Winfield; his fiancée, Sherri Pepper of Millwood; grandchildren, Jonathan Nester of NAS Oceana, VA, Brandon Nester (Heather) of Scott Depot; Cora Lee Vicars of Boerne, TX; great-granddaughters, Esabella, Payton and Ameila Nester and many nieces and nephews; best friend, Charlie Landfried and the Southall Clan. He is also survived by his in-laws, Mary Lou Albert (Mike) and Henry Marino, Jr. (Karen) all of St. Albans, John Antonio (Bron) of Charlotte, NC, Mike Marino (Mary Sue) of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Jim graduated from Ripley High School in 1959. He entered the US Air Force and was stationed in England for nearly three years following graduation. He

attended college at WV State University where he received his Business degree in 1969. Jim was a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge and was a lifetime member of the James E. Marshall American Legion Post # 187, Winfield. He was most proud of his career in the US Coast Guard where he attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4) prior to his retirement.

Jim worked at various locations over the years including Henry's Mens Store, St. Albans. He retired as assistant manager from Big Lots and working at the Kanawha City and Teays Valley stores. Jim was also employed by the Kanawha County Board of Education as a substitute teacher after his retirement. What's the saying? "You can't keep a good man down!" Jim was a great man. He never complained, no matter what he was going through. He was loved by so many people and treated everyone with kindness.

Jim was married to his late wife, Juliet Ann "Judy" Marino Vicars for 42 years before her death in 2008 and was also preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Henry and Ethel Marino.

Funeral service, with Military honors provided by VFW Post #9097, will be held 2pm Monday, May 6, 2019 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Rev. Aaron Melhorn officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar. You may visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share your memories with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Vicars family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James Michael Vicars

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - May 09, 2019 at 10:40 PM

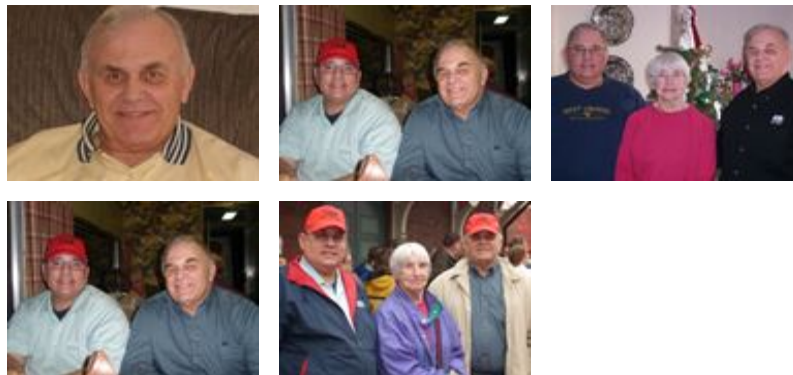


“ Uncle Jimmy left this world way too soon, but I know he is no longer in pain. We will miss his great personality and infectious smile! Rest easy in the arms of Jesus! Love, The Davis family...Shari, Gary, Lauren & Noah

Shari Davis - May 06, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapman Funeral Homes - May 06, 2019 at 08:59 AM

SV

“ I had the honor of having Jim as a big brother for 72 years. we shared some good times together. he was the kindest, and nicest man i have ever known. I will miss him dearly. He suffered and never complained. He is now in the hands of God and will suffer no more. Love ya Bro!

Stephen Vicars - May 05, 2019 at 11:35 PM

VC

“ Uncle Jimmy was a patient, kind hearted man. I am so sad that he had to deal with a life stealing illness like cancer. I am comforted in the knowledge that he is whole again and in the arms of Jesus. Love and prayers for my cousins; Michelle and Brian, their families, my father Steve (Jim's brother), and my mammaw Rosalie (Jim's mom).
FROM *Vicki and Tim Chaney



Vicki Chaney - May 05, 2019 at 11:20 PM

SV

“ I was privileged to have Jim as a big brother for 72 years. we had some great times together. I will miss him dearly. He suffered and never complained, he was the nicest kindest man I know. I loved him very much. I know he is Gods hands now and will suffer no more. Love ya Bro.

Stephen Vicars - May 05, 2019 at 10:58 PM

SV

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Stephen Vicars - May 05, 2019 at 10:17 PM

CW

“ *Jim you were one of my favorite people to work with at Big Lots.
You always had a smile in your face.*

Christy Webb - May 05, 2019 at 08:39 PM

LV

“ Jim was my bother-in-law for 51 years. Always cool, calm & collected. A smile for everyone. After his first bout of cancer, we got his house ready for sale & he moved to Ripley & lived with his Mom. When I would walk in with bags, he was up as quickly as possible asking if I had brought food. He loved to eat. Jim had impeccable hearing. If we were in the kitchen & thought we could talk behind his back while he was watching FOX NEWS.....we soon found out we could not. He could hear us!! I've caught Jim more times than I care to remember in his underwear. He & my husband we're used to it growing up & it didn't embarrass them at all. Jim didn't always obey speed signs. If he had we might have gotten where we were headed a lot sooner. He never seemed to get the car up that fast. After his first love, Judy, passed away, he found love again. His fiancé Sherri Pepper says Jim was the love of her life. She had never met such a kind, sweet man. Jim moved in with his Mom to watch over her in her final years, but she ended up watching over him, calling the EMT's when she needed them. It wasn't easy, but she knows Jim is in a better place now....his suffering is over. We will miss him without a doubt, but we'll see him again on those golden shores of Heaven. (Sister-in-law, Lanita)

Lanita Vicars - May 05, 2019 at 09:56 AM

MM

“ Mike, Mary Sue & Patrick Marino purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Michael Vicars.



Mike, Mary Sue & Patrick Marino - May 05, 2019 at 07:59 AM

RN

“ Roy and Linda Nuckles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Michael Vicars.



Roy and Linda Nuckles - May 04, 2019 at 04:17 PM

LF

“ Love John & Bron Marino and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Michael Vicars.



Love John & Bron Marino and Family - May 04, 2019 at 11:10 AM

JC

“ We thank you, James, for your Honorable and Faithful service to our great Nation. It's because of men and women like you, who so willingly gave of themselves, that we are still able to enjoy our freedom and liberties today. May God welcome you with open arms as you approach the Gates of Heaven.



It is our hope and prayer that your family and friends will find a measure of healing through His comfort and mercy. May they all soon realize that, although no longer with them on this Earth, he continues to watch over them from his place among the Angels.

Stand at ease, James! Your tour of duty is now complete. May you rest in Honored and Eternal Peace. God Speed, Sir, and Semper Paratus!

*Respects,
Joe Cumblidge
State Captain
West Virginia Patriot Guard*

U.S. Coast Guard 1969-1980

Joe Cumblidge - May 04, 2019 at 07:26 AM

 Carol
Burner

“ *Jim was indeed a virtuous, kind man. He had a good heart and a great sense of humor. I appreciate all the love and kindness the Vicars family gave when I lost my beloved uncle Leo. Sending love, hugs, and prayers to you Rosalie, Steve, Lanita, and my dearest cousin Sherri. May you find peace and comfort during this time.*

Carol Burner - May 03, 2019 at 02:34 PM

JM

“ We have nothing but sweet memories of our brother in law. Always soft spoken and a caring person who loved my sister Judy and their precious children and grand children very much. He will truly be missed by all. Prayers for his family during this time of loss. May they find strength and peace through beautiful moments in time shared.

*With all our love,
Uncle Tony and Aunt Bron*

John & Bron Marino - May 03, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James Michael Vicars, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Air Force/Coast Guard Veteran, James Michael Vicars, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 03, 2019 at 09:53 AM

MA

“ We were fortunate to have had the privilege of knowing Jim as a friend and family member. We shared many happy times and have many fond memories of our time with him. We will all miss Jim and his pleasant demeanor, but are comforted in knowing that he will no longer suffer and is with his Heavenly Father forever.

Mike and Mary Lou Albert and family

Mike and mary Lou Albert - May 03, 2019 at 09:00 AM