



## Commander James Emmitt Russell

July 20, 1950 - August 1, 2019

1950-2019

Commander James Emmitt Russell, age 69, passed away August 1, 2019, from complications of Huntington's Disease. He was a Naval Academy Graduate and Retired Naval Aviator. James served our country for over twenty years. He also served as Director of Transportation for eight years, under Governor Johnson's administration, then deployed to Afghanistan as a contractor for the US Army. James is preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Ramona Russell; father-in-law, Martin Chavez Sr. and mother-in-law, Sadie G. Chavez. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Chavez Russell; three stepsons, Matthew Jaramillo and wife Angelic, Steve Jaramillo Jr. and Robert Jaramillo; three granddaughters, Mia Jaramillo, Alexa Alvillar, and Vana Jaramillo; sister, Carol Jane Russell and brother, Jerry Russell from Kansas; brother-in-law, Marty Chavez Jr. and wife Lisa. Per his wishes, Jim has been cremated and services will take place on August 26, 2019, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a Visitation from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Service at 11:00 AM and interment at The Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD on 10/25/19 at 1:00 PM. Please sign James' online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Naval Academy

Annapolis, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
(505) 864-8501  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

## Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
(505) 864-8501  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

## Interment

---

OCT **25**. 1:00 AM (ET)

Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jim and I were in a few classes together while at USNA. Jim was always willing to help keep me up to speed when I got behind. His help was always appreciated. I am so sorry to hear about his passing. May GOD bless Jim and his family.  
John Fleming '73

---

**John Fleming** - August 19, 2019 at 10:26 AM

KM

“ So sorry for the loss of Jim. He was a loved member of the USNA Brotherhood Class of 1973. He will be sorely missed. May God grant your family his strength in this time.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28*

*Non Sibi*

*Ken Mayeaux '73*

---

**KENNETH MAYEAUX** - August 18, 2019 at 04:00 PM

BS

“ May my outstanding USNA '73er Classmate, Shipmate, and Brother Jim rest in the peace that only our GOD Himself can provide anyone. May his family be consoled and know Jim will never be forgotten. Bill Short/ Non Sibi.

---

**Bill Short** - August 18, 2019 at 12:14 PM

JC

“ Deepest condolences on the passing of a fine gentleman. Jim was a true human who set the example on how others should do their jobs without getting mired in the weeds. I remember him fondly from 7th Company at the Naval Academy when he was a 2/C Midshipman and I was a Plebe. Definitely a loss for his family, the Class of '73, and those who called him friend. Fair winds and following seas shipmate.

*Jay Carrizales*  
*USNA '75*

---

**Juan Carrizales** - August 14, 2019 at 12:51 PM

MH

“ My sincere condolences to Pauline and the family. Jim and I served in Korea, he in Seoul and I in Chinhae. They were always very welcoming to me.

*Mike Holmes*

---

**Mike Holmes** - August 12, 2019 at 08:47 AM

CR

“ Sincere condolences for your family. We lost a good guy. CPO Dennis M Broussard BUZZARD

---

**CPO Dennis Broussard USN R** - August 11, 2019 at 06:50 PM

PU

“ I want to send my condolences to the Russell family. Mr. Russell helped me many times while I served in VQ-1 with him. He was always remembered by my Navy buddy Jim Dickson when we get together. Rest in Peace Mr. Russell and again Thank You for delaying the flight for me so I could catch it and be on the liberty run.



---

**Patrick Cudo AT-2 USN** - August 11, 2019 at 09:36 AM

KS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



---

**Kimberly Smith** - August 08, 2019 at 09:50 AM

KS

“ My brothers and I, Kim Briggs Smith, have fond memories of growing up together at Lake Elbo. We waited together for the bus at their mailbox, attended the same grade school, spent hours swimming together in the summer. We are thinking of your family and take comfort in the memories of good times.

---

**Kimberly Smith** - August 08, 2019 at 09:38 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Commander James Emmitt Russell*



**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - August 03, 2019 at 12:25 PM

A1

*My condolences to the Russell family. While I hadn't seen Jim since we graduated I have very fond memories of hanging out with Jim as middle. He was truly a great guy and good friend. RIP brother.*

**Andy Pease USNA 1973** - August 18, 2019 at 12:36 PM

WM

*So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I knew him at USNA and Pensacola and often ran into him in Westpac. A great friend and classmate who always remembered you even after a long separation. A great loss for his family and the class -- condolences to all.*

*V/R,  
Bill Montgomery '73*

**William Montgomery** - August 19, 2019 at 02:10 PM

KB

*I just learned of Jim's passing in 2019. I attended Manhattan High School in Manhattan, Kansas with Jim. Jim was a great, best friend and on the same basketball team. I remember his energy, playfulness, and confidence as a high schooler. He was friends with anyone and very popular in his class. I never new his wife or family, but remember his parents and Carol and Jerry. I was proud to know Jim and will always remember him.*

*Kent Baker, Manhattan High School class of 1968.*

**Kent Baker** - December 04, 2022 at 06:37 PM