

James E. Althouse
1959 - 2022

James (Jimbo) Althouse died on 26 June 2022 doing one of the things that he enjoyed most, riding his motorcycle. He was born on 25 Dec 1959 in Syracuse, NY where he remained until he graduated from West Genesee Senior High School. Jim lived his life in the service of others. He was always there to lend a hand wherever he saw a need. He had a passion for his family, friends, and volunteering with many organizations including The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Rolling Thunder.

Jim enlisted in the Army in September 1978 and served as an enlisted Soldier for six years (Finance Specialist and Equipment Records/Parts Specialist). He had a break in service to attend Old Dominion University and returned to the Army as an officer in 1987. Jim was a US Army Persian Gulf War Veteran. In Operation Desert Storm he served as a Field Artillery Officer in 3d Armor Division and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. When he retired in September 2001, he was a Quartermaster Major assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Following his military career Jim served as a Management Analyst for the Department of the Army, Fort Lee, Virginia. He retired on 31 Dec 2021 after 17 years and was awarded a Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Jim was a 29-year member of the American Legion. He was a founding member of Southern Virginia American Legion Riders, member of the Sons of the American Legion, and the first male Unit 284 Auxiliary member. He was the Commander of Post 284 from 2014-2015, 11th District Commander from 2019-2020, the Post Legionnaire of the Year for 2019, and Department American Legion Rider Chairman from 2018-2022. Jim had a bachelors degree in accounting from Old Dominion University and two advanced degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology (Logistics Management and Contract Management).

Jim is survived by his wife of five years Mari Althouse; son, Talon Althouse; step children Jacob Wells, Jacqueline Lane (Daniel); two grandsons Brooks and Bennett Lane; sisters Sandra J. Althouse; Suzanne R. Doolan (Michael), aunts Helen Dayal and Laura Bigness; and multiple nieces/nephews/cousins and other living relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents Burr E. Althouse and Y. Ruth (Highbrown) Althouse.

A memorial service will be held on 23 July 2022, 1200 pm, at the American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights, VA, and a military ceremony will be held on 25 July 2022, 3:00 pm, at the Amelia National Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation at <https://www.legion.org/vcf>.

Jim lived a full and accomplished life. He loved his family, his friends, travel, was well loved and will be missed by many!