



James H. Collier

February 4, 1933 - January 19, 2011

COLLIER, James H. Age 77 of Goodlettsville. January 19, 2011 Survived by his wife: Helen Collier, sons; Gary G. & James Collier, daughters: Lori (Phillip) Murphey, brothers; Gary W. & Bill Collier, sisters; Rae Sanders, Joan Tippit, Wanda Kuk & Pat Eason, grandchildren; Valorie Baldwin & Kyler Proctor. He served 28 years in the United States Army including two tours in Vietnam. He spent most of his time in Vietnam as an American Advisor to the Vietnamese Airborne. His last Army assignment was as Sergeant Major at the Army Ranger School. After retirement, He worked for the State of Tennessee Helping other veterans find employment. Funeral Service will be held at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd. Sat, Jan. 22 at 2Pm with visitation from 11Am until 2Pm. Interment will be at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery Tues at 10Am PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, (615)262-3312

Tribute Wall



“ *James H. Collier*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Snake,*

When I saw you Saturday, you were at peace. All the troubles of the world have been lifted from your shoulders. I'll always remember your smile and upbeat attitude and will always remember our friendship.

Prepare a place for the remaining Red Hats so that we may have a reunion in the sky.

*Mike Roy
Red Hat 55 Romeo*

Mike Roy - January 27, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ *Snake: You will be missed. May the Great Jumpmaster embrace you with his protective grace, and reward you for the great job you did while you were with us. Airborne Rangers Lead the Way!*

Terry Griswold - January 27, 2011 at 04:17 AM

BG

“ Please accept my sincere heartfelt condolences at the passing of a great Person, Warrior, Patriot and Gentleman. A person who I feel privileged to have know and worked with. He touched the lives of many and expected nothing in return always setting examples of excellence for everyone he touched. He will be missed by many. May his Honor and Spirit live forever! Hurrah!

Brown, Charles G. - January 25, 2011 at 01:45 AM

JR

“ Goodbye Jim.

James Cleaver SGM Ret - January 24, 2011 at 11:45 PM

DT

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to "Snakes" family. We always enjoyed seeing him at the Team 162 Reunions. Love & Prayers Rick Biondo (Team 162) and his Family in Pgh, Texas and Florida

Dave & Sally Thorne - January 24, 2011 at 07:06 PM

PC

“ Jim was a great soldier, a loyal friend, and a rock on which the Red Hat organization was built. I sought his advice on many issues. The world was a better place because of him and I was a better man because he was my friend. With Deepest sympathy

Paul DeVries Colonel,USA,RET - January 24, 2011 at 05:20 PM

MM

“ Jim,
Since we first met in 1965, and I was young sergeant, you always provided support, friendship and guidance. I am grateful for your help in getting soldiers jobs when they left the battalion at Fort Campbell. You made an difference in my life. Thank you!

Milton R. Menjivar - January 24, 2011 at 03:47 PM

FH

“ He kept me out of trouble in Vietnam and was one of the heroes that helped me serve 21 year.

Frank A. Hanson - January 24, 2011 at 12:54 PM

WD

“ God has called another one of his soldier's home. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

William and Beatrice Dalton

William Dalton - January 24, 2011 at 06:03 AM

CM

“ Served with Jim in Ranger Dept ,classmate in Pathfinder School and TM162 Assoc. He is my pick as best CSM I have known and a dear friend. He will be missed by all.Jim and his Family will be in our prayers. Please God give Him the best seat in Heaven. God Bless You Jim and Keep Smiling

Col (Ret) Don Marnon - January 23, 2011 at 10:56 PM

WD

“ James (Snake) Collier was a Great American, a Great Soldier and a good friend. He has answered the Red Hat and Ranger Muster up above and joins Hal Dill and many other comrades in the formation. All Red Hats and Rangers that knew Snake were truly blessed.

My sincere condolences to Collier Family.

*Wayne Dill
Red Hat 8
1968-69*

Wayne Dill - January 23, 2011 at 10:50 PM

JY

“ I served with Snake on Team 162 in Vietnam. He was a mentor and someone I always admired and respected - a true Warrior and patriotic American, he will be missed but never forgotten.

Jim Yeonopolus - January 23, 2011 at 05:48 PM

HL

“ Snake ,we will always remember you as the one we always wanted with us when all the chips were down and life hung in the balance.

*You always "marched to the sound of the guns" and made sure you were there when you were needed most --in the thick of the fight
Your cool head and steady hand in the thick of the fight was always sought by all*

We shall miss you Centruion

Saint Peter shall smile up on your arrival and welcome you with open arms.

Herb Lloyd

Red Hat 6

62--83 66- 67- 68

herb lloyd - January 23, 2011 at 08:22 AM

MA

“ *God Bless this Warrier!*

Mike Anderson - January 23, 2011 at 07:12 AM

MJ

“ *good bye snake
rest in peace*

mike janus - January 23, 2011 at 01:05 AM

LC

“ *Memories-not only professional but social as well. best to family*

Lowell Jergens CSM(Ret) - January 23, 2011 at 12:43 AM

BB

“ *Hey Snake,
You will be remembered as a true warrior and defender of freedom
for both America and for the Vietnamese people.
Thanks for being you, Bill*

Bill Henson, 8th Bn - January 22, 2011 at 11:42 PM

RW

“ *I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE SERVED AND KNOWN SNAKE
COLLIER. HE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL WELCOMED AT THE
REUNIONS. I LOVED HIS STORIES AND WILL CHERISH THEM.
HE WILL BE MISSED.*

*WARD
TD7*

RICK WARD - January 22, 2011 at 09:52 PM

CB

“ *A great soldier, a comrade-in-arms, and a personal mentor, words do not suffice. I will miss him.*

COL (Ret) William C Ball - January 22, 2011 at 09:26 PM

HB

“ *A fine soidier, and as loyal and supportive a person as one could meet. We served together as advisors to the Vietnamese Airborne Division. His professionalism was unequaled, and is testimony to his selection and sevice as a Command Sergeat Major. My sincerest condolences to his wife, sons and other family members. May he rest in peace.*

Harry J Bacas - January 22, 2011 at 09:17 PM

RC

“ *Rest in peace Old Soldier. Thanks for your service. "Rangers Lead The Way."*

Rocky Colavita - January 22, 2011 at 08:55 PM

RA

“ *Served with him in Vietnam. Was a good man and please accept my condolences and your family will be in my prayers.*

Ronald L Andrews - January 22, 2011 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ *to a Great Friend and Warrior from both the Airborne and Rangers. Rest in Peace*

Bob Murphy - January 22, 2011 at 05:18 PM

TS

“ I served with the Vietnamese Airborne Division from 1972 to 1973. I also received my airborne wings and ranger tab in 1964. I knew "Snake" through the Red Hat Association and he was down to earth, soft spoken and one of the most outstanding soldiers I ever meet. I do know that you should feel comfortable in knowing that James is with the Lord and all his buddies that went before him.

Tom & Diane Snider - January 22, 2011 at 05:12 PM

CF

“ We served together in Vietnam. You have my deepest sympathies. Jim will be missed.

CSM Hap Fischer - January 22, 2011 at 05:03 PM

DO

“ May God watch over you and your family.

Donald W. Osborne - January 22, 2011 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ Snake, We send our best to your family and friends. When you meet Uncle Fred and other Red Hats, we will join y'all one day soon. Until then, safe home, soft landings and keep your powder dry.

Tom Bryan, 1st Bde, 71-72

Tom Bryan - January 22, 2011 at 04:25 PM

DF

“ Snake,
May the good Lord make you the celestial Jumpmaster. Heaven will be brighter now that you are there.
Good by for now.

Dave & BJ Farrey - January 22, 2011 at 04:23 PM

LK

“ *Jim (Snake) was one of the finest soldiers I ever met in my 40 years in the Army. The meomries of our time together in Vietnam are forever etched in my mind. He was a great soldier and a true friend.*

LTG Joseph W. Kinzer - January 22, 2011 at 04:17 PM

CC

“ *IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO HAVE KNOW AND SERVED WITH RED HAT SGM COLLIER AKA: SNAKE.HE WILL BE SURLEY MISSED BY ALL. NO FINER MAN EVER LACED UP THERE JUMP BOOTS*

CLIFFORD R CONNERS - January 22, 2011 at 04:05 PM

WS

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of a great man. Snake was not only the best Sgt Major I ever had but also a great friend! He will be missed terribly but as always he is leading the way for those of us who are left behind.*

WILLIE W. SNOW - January 22, 2011 at 03:56 PM

CD

“ *An honor and pleasure to have known and served with such a true professional as you these past 48 years---you will be greatly missed old friend!*

Charles H. Duckworth - January 22, 2011 at 03:46 PM

JM

“ *All the Red Hats and Red Markers will greatly miss this friend and warrior.*

John Martin - January 22, 2011 at 03:23 PM

DM

“ Another Red Hat has left the range and we as a unit, a people, and a nation, are deminished. To the family the only thing I can say is "All The Way Sir" and I am sorry for your loss.

Donald A. Miller - January 22, 2011 at 03:17 PM

JK

“ Till We Meet Again...

*Phil King
Fellow Red Hat*

Jay P. King - January 22, 2011 at 03:17 PM

MF

“ James Collier was a good man and a better friend. He served the Army and the nation with great courage and distinction, and was a credit to himself and his family. We will miss him.
M. J. Flynn, COL(Ret) U.S. Army

Mike Flynn - January 22, 2011 at 01:30 PM

JU

“ Mr. Collier was both a mentor and friend to me. His accomplishments were many, both in and out of the military. He will be sorely missed. I extend my condolences to his family, and hope that they can take some small measure of comfort from knowing the good that he did in his lifetime, and the difference he made in so many lives.
(I still tell and will continue to repeat many of his stories)

John Alexander, MSgt, USAF(Ret) - January 21, 2011 at 09:47 PM

CM

“ *Craig and I have felt extremely blessed to call Mr. and Mrs. Collier our neighbors. Our sympathies to Mrs. Collier and the rest of the family. RIP Mr. Collier.*

Cora and Craig Mitchell - January 21, 2011 at 07:13 PM

SC

“ *As Mr. Collier's neighbor for several years, I can honestly say he was a "firm but fair" man. He loved his wife and children greatly and served his country for many years with distinction. He shared many Army stories with me and I know without a doubt that he was a great leader during and after his military career. I have a great amount of respect for what he did, what he gave, and the legacy he leaves.*

My prayers go out to Mrs. Collier, Jamie (as we used to call him), Lori, Gary, and the rest of his family. Our world received great benefit from the contributions of Mr. Collier. We desperately need more men like him in our country!

Scott Creel - January 21, 2011 at 07:03 PM