



James "Jim" Donovan Nothstein

December 2, 1944 - June 8, 2026

James "Jim" Donovan Nothstein, Age 81, of Hohenwald, TN, passed away on June 8, 2026.

Preceded in death by his father, James Daniel Nothstein Jr. and mother, Betty Ann Nothstein; brother, Jonathan Nothstein; his son, Larry Nothstein; and step son, Tristan Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Nothstein; sons, Tommy (Lynn) Nothstein and Steven (Nicole) Howard; step children, Taylor (Levi) Goforth and Hannah (Caleb) Lovett; sister, Cynthia Nothstein-Baldwin; brother, Bob Nothstein; grandchildren, Shane Nothstein, Luke Nothstein, Wade (Alyssa) Howard, Jenna (Jacob) Howard, Austin Howard, Bryan Nothstein, and Heather (Jennifer) Nothstein; multiple great grandchildren and extended family.

Jim passed away leaving behind a legacy of strength, loyalty, knowledge and love that few men ever achieve. A proud Vietnam veteran, Jim served as a TACP/ROMAD and later retired from the United States Air Force after a distinguished career of service to his country as a Chief Master Sergeant.

Jim was the kind of man they don't make much anymore. Tough as rawhide, fearless when facing adversity, and never one to back down from a challenge. He believed in hard work and not making excuses whether people wanted to

hear it or not. If you knew Jim, you never had to wonder where you stood with him. He spoke his mind, stood by his convictions, and earned the respect of everyone around him.

But behind that rugged exterior was a man with a heart bigger than most ever knew. He loved his family fiercely and would do anything for those he cared about. His strength was matched only by his devotion to the people he loved.

Jim found peace in the simple things that made life worth living. He loved horses, the mountains, and the crackle of a campfire under a sky full of stars. Whether riding a trail, sitting beside a fire, or simply taking in the beauty of God's country, he lived every moment to the fullest and never wasted a day he was given.

His favorite saying was, "If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough," and he lived by those words. Through hardship, sacrifice, and life's many battles, Jim remained resilient, steadfast, and true to himself to the very end.

While his passing leaves an emptiness that can never be filled, his stories, lessons, laughter, and example will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. The mountains and valleys may seem a little quieter, and the campfires a little dimmer, but the legacy of Jim Nothstein will endure for generations.

He served his country with honor, loved his family without reservation, and lived life on his own terms. A warrior, a horseman, a family man, and a friend. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

There will be a graveside service at Nashville National Cemetery at a later time.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to <https://gofund.me/e7f91b03c>

Cemetery Details

Nashville National Cemetery

1420 Gallatin Pk. S.
Madison, TN 37115

Events

Details are pending.