



James Castellassi

October 15, 1941 - August 30, 2019

James D. Castellassi, beloved husband to Donna (Listro) Castellassi, passed away peacefully at the age of 77 at Middlesex Hospital. James was a Vietnam veteran serving in the 716th MP Battalion in Vietnam, enlisting in Nov, 1963 and honorably discharged in 1965. He was a district manager for Pinkerton Security and also in security at Seabury in Bloomfield. He enjoyed many years of vacationing with Donna in Florida and seeing one of his best friends Larry Freidman. Besides his loving wife Donna, he is survived by his 3 sisters, Florence Borelli of Cromwell, Gerri Pavlock and husband Mike of Virginia, and Dolores Fournier of Windsor. He also leaves Donna's sister Joan Pirrotta and her husband Paul. He treasured all of his nephews, nieces, great nieces and nephews. James had two special friends, Cathy & Bob Malecki, which he and Donna spent wonderful vacations together. The family would like to give special thanks to Middlesex Hospital Hospice Unit for their loving and compassionate care. There will be a calling hour on Monday Sept. 9th from 11am-12pm at Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT, followed by a graveside service with military honors at Noon in Rose Hill Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Middlesex Hospital (middlesexhealth.org/donate) in James's memory. Please share expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at Rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

Events

SEP **Calling Hours** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Rose Hill Funeral Homes

580 Elm St, Rocky Hill, CT, US, 06067

SEP **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 12:30PM

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Rose Hill Memorial Park

580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill, CT, US, 06067

Comments



“ Uncle Jimmy,
There's not enough space on the internet for me to list all the positive ways you have influenced my life over the last 42 years. You were always very thoughtful, caring, and willing to give advice for anything I ever asked or wanted guidance on. You always looked out for me and my family. I'm so glad for all the time, and in recent years, the phone conversations we had. I'm so glad to have called you Uncle.

I will be telling stories and passing on the knowledge you gave me, continuing you legacy for years to come. Thank you for all you have done. From one military man to another, I say rest easy, rest peacefully, we have the watch.

Love,
your Nephew Joshua

Joshua Pavlock - September 09, 2019 at 12:11 AM



“ Dear Donna,

I am so sorry for your your profound loss. My late brother Larry Friedman adored you and Jimmy, always telling me how much fun and laughter you guys shared in Florida. I am so touched on Larry's behalf to read that Jimmy shared the love. Larry always spoke about the wonderful relationship you and Jimmy had. He was in awe of Jimmy's courage, resilience and grace in dealing with his illnesses. I hope he and Jimmy are together again, both pain-free, laughing and reminiscing about Seyms St. I am thinking of you.

Donna Friedman

Donna Friedman - September 06, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ To My Wonderful Brother Jimmy,
You were the very best brother a family could have. You were always there for us, no matter what, and we knew we could always count on you for anything at all. You were such an unselfish, caring person that always made us laugh. We are going to miss you terribly, and I want to thank you so much, for being our brother in every way a brother could possibly be. God blessed us so much when he gave us you.

Love you Jimmy, you will forever stay in my heart.

Your Sister, Dolores

Dolores Fournier - September 06, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ I give thanks to God for my Uncle Jimmy.

Your voice is etched in my memories! How you called me "Katie" with joy. I remember how shocked you were when I didn't know what antipasti was as a kid during one of your New York visits - you quickly clued me in as any dutiful Italian would, and it has been one of my favorite things to eat and share with others ever since.

In small yet powerful ways, you have been influential - your faith, loving care toward family, and "take no crap from nobody" strength of character. Most honorable being your service to country and the sacrifices you have made and endured because of it of which I am enterally grateful.

I am blessed to have known you as Uncle! Much love and prayers to family as we will all miss you until we see you again.

-Love, your niece, Kate

Kate - September 05, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Uncle Jim , you were and are my god Father . You were and will always be a great influence on my life . Just always remember you being a positive presence in my life. I remember as a kid you coming over on Saturday nights for card games with my mom (your sister)my father and I'd stay up all night on the stairs watching you guys it was so much fun and then after you guys left we all going to the table and look for change and it was such a great time among many special times , thank you. Love tommy

tom - September 05, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Donna, Paul and I are so sorry to hear about Jimmy's passing. You are in our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Jen and Paul Brantner

Jennifer Brantner - September 05, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ To My Dear Brother Jimmy,

You have been a great brother, loved by me and my four sons, Mark Phelps who passed in 2004, Frankie, Tommy, Mat and my deceased husband Tom Borelli. We admired you for knowing the Bible so thoroughly, and being the great Christian that you were. Viet Nam was a difficult time with you gone but we kept praying and writing. I will miss you dearly, and hope I see you again one day.

Love,
Your sister, Flo

Florence Borelli - September 05, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ To My Beloved Brother,

You have been the core of our family for a long time. You were always there if we needed you, and reminded us that you were, even when we didn't. Always caring, always worrying about us. You were MY big brother, but a "big brother" to all three of your sisters. You are a loving and generous sibling, who will be in my heart forever. There are countless wonderful memories. This is such a difficult time and I am going to miss you immensely. I thank God for you and our family each day because we have been so blessed. I can only hope, that in some small way, somehow I made your life special at some time as you have always made mine. Your enormous sense of humor, dedication and loyalty to us and friends will never be forgotten.

Love you Jimmy,
Your sister, Gerri and husband Michael

Gerri (Dina) and Michael Pavlock - September 04, 2019 at 05:29 PM



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tom - September 05, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Uncle Jimmy,
You will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for everything you've done for all of us. Thank you for making us laugh. Keep shining. Till we meet again.

Love you forever,
Debbie

Debra Gryk - September 04, 2019 at 01:49 PM