



Mr. James Harry Butts, Jr.

August 4, 1939 - November 9, 2020

Public Viewing for Mr. James Harry Butts, Jr. will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020 from 1:00 P.M until 5:00 P.M. at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home - Sullivan Chapel, 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 11:00 A.M at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home - Sullivan Chapel, 2548 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Interment will follow in The Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

Please click the link below to view services for Mr. James Harry Butts, Jr. <https://www.facebook.com/A-A-Dicks-Funeral-Home-Sullivan-Chapel-115729839828313/>

Retired Master Sergeant James H. Butts, Jr., was born, August 4, 1939, to the late James and Florence Best Butts, in Bronx, NY. He departed this earthly life on Monday, November 9, 2020, in Columbia, South Carolina.

He was known to some as daddy, grandpa, Uncle Jimmy, and MSGT Butts.

James was educated in the public schools of Bronx, New York. At the age of twenty, he enlisted in the United States Army. Then five years later, he met

and married, Eloise Green Butts, and together they traveled all over the world to places like, Germany, Texas, Canada, and Fort Jackson. This union lasted for fifty-four years and three children were born, James H. Butts, III, Deborah Butts White, and Carrie Butts McDaniel.

James was a hard worker and worked several part-time jobs. He coached little League ball games, and worked at the Flea Market and Service Stations. Also, he was a faithful member of the Masonic Order and was a Shriner.

Master Sergeant Butts retired from the Armed Forces after twenty-six years of honorable service to his country, earning the highest rank—an E-9. After retiring from the military, he worked for the United States Postal Service for twenty-seven years.

MSGT Butts leaves to cherish his joyful memories; Eloise G. Butts; a son, James H. Butts, III, two daughters, Deborah B. White, and Carrie B. McDaniel; a son-in-law, Michael White, and four grand daughters, TiKia, Taejah and Ava Butts, and Dynesha Robinson; two sisters,, Sandra Williams and Stacey Holman, both of NY; a brother, Joran Butts, of Columbus, OH; wonderful friends like, Carla Mack and Chelsea Shell, and dear friend, Mary Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Please leave the Butts family your condolences and prayers.

The Butts family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families.

A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

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Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ Hello to the family of Sargent Butts. I believe that he was my Drill Sargent at Ft Jackson in 1974. I was A-10-2. Something you do not forget! He was a great man and soldier. I will always remember him. I am also from the Bronx like him. I went back to college in Bronx and got nursing degree. I am now nurse practitioner. DI Butts taught me to never give up. I am now 68 and starting doctorate in my field and still working. I now work for state of Texas. Not a day goes by that I don't think about him! I hope to see him in the here after! God speed Drill Sargent Butts!!

Mark Reynolds, RN, NP - May 03, 2021 at 06:49 PM

GP

“ My heart felt condolences to the Butts family. Such an awesome person. We were at Fort Jackson with you and later met up again at USPS. Its been a pleasure knowing Mr Butts.
Gayle Powell

gayle Powell - November 28, 2020 at 12:46 PM

DF

“ Other than my father, this man was a very respectful, honorable and wonderful man with the most beautiful soul!!!!!! You couldn't even begin to imagine that any living being could have a soul so beautiful and not be the son of God, but I promise you he did! The name of this most beautiful and adored soul is Mr. James Butts, aka Old School (Mr. Jimmy to me). He served our country proudly and gallantly, with respect, pride and honor. All of those who served under him carried a great deal of respect for him. He was hard, stern & firm, yet very understanding, soft hearted, caring & fair. For those of you that knew this angel of heaven, you need not read any further as you already know first hand and have been graced with such a wonderful person as a friend and a part of your life. And with that being said, you can imagine how hard this has been for me and his family and friends. I am, and will always be, forever grateful & thankful to the lord God for blessing me in such a manner by bringing Mr. Jimmy into my life. I honestly thought to myself "Am I dreaming? I have had nothing but a life filled with hardships and never ending obstacles! So why all of a sudden this wonderful blessing bestowed upon me?" Then I remember my Nana telling me many many years ago that" God works in mysterious ways. He will show you suffering and hardships in life, but he will also bless you. And tho sometimes the blessing he bestows upon you may not be apparent to you at first, and maybe not at all, so you must always have, and keep, faith in him and be sure to keep your eyes open, as well as those blinds open! Because more than not it can be there in front of you, staring you right in the face, and yet we are so blind that we do not see it." This world is a bit darker without him here with us, however, heaven now shines so much brighter, I can almost see heavens light. There is just no way for me to even begin to express what an honor & privilege it was for me to know Mr. Jimmy and to be in his life, be a part of his life & loved!!!

Mr. Jimmy,

Know that I will miss you more than one could ever imagine and I loved you so very much! I regret not being able to voice to you aloud before you departed for heaven how much I cared for you ad looked up to you! However, I am pretty positive that you had always

*known exactly how much I loved, cared, adored, cherished and respected you!!!! You were, and will always be, my HERO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Love You & With you Always & Forever
Praise you almighty Goddess and forever protect and guard!*



Diane Ferry-Moore - November 26, 2020 at 09:21 PM

HB

“ *J B as I call him was an all around person always had good advice for you, love to quote the book of Proverbs.
Rest on J B
Helen V. Brown..*

Helen Brown - November 22, 2020 at 06:12 PM

1C

“ *SGM James H Butts was my Basic Training Platoon Sergeant in B-10-2, Fort Jackson SC in February 1969; there years later he got me back in the Battalion as a Drill Sergeant Candidate. I last saw him at Darnall ACH in 1981 or so. He was my Sergeant, mentor and friend. He took care of a lot of us with his exacting standards. With that toothpick he will be deeply missed by us all. Lest we forget!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

1SG, Ret Christopher CHICO Corchado - November 20, 2020 at 11:18 PM

LT

Drill Sergeant Butts was a very nice soldier but most of all he was a friend to all of his troops. I was there in June 1971 D 10 2 R.I.P. Drill Sergeant Butts

Larry Trimble - October 08, 2023 at 04:49 PM

JM

“ To the family of CSM (ret) AIRBORNE Jimmy Butts, My heartfelt condolences. Jimmie B and I shared a common career as PARATROOPERS and JUMPMASTERS. I had the privilege to know him and instantly our common thread surfaced. As co-workers at USPS we exchanged many memories. I will miss my friend. To CSM (ret) Jimmie Butts, I will see you at that great 'Manifest Call' in the sky! AIRBORNE!!

SGM (ret) Jack Murphy

Jack Murphy - November 18, 2020 at 08:33 PM

KW

“ Mr. Jimmy B - also known as "Pop" is just an all around stand up gentlemen. He never let you forget he was apart of the "Airborne Rangers". He remained an extremely confident man and just a great role model. Life is funny how the right people pop up at the right time. With that said I say thank you. I am forever grateful - you made a huge difference. Now rest as you move on in greatness.

Kendall R. Weston

Kendall Weston - November 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Felton & Barbara Hysten lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harry Butts, Jr.



Dorothy Felton & Barbara Hysten - November 18, 2020 at 10:21 AM

 Jimmy Freeman

“ Jimmy B "Old School" ... I enjoyed the time and mentorship you provided me at the market .. rest easy my friend

Jimmy Freeman - November 17, 2020 at 03:44 PM

YW

“ I light a candle in memory of Mr. James Butts.
Rest easy my friend.



Yvonne Kelly Wilson - November 15, 2020 at 08:03 PM

ST

“ Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to the Butts family 🙏 Mr Butts was my coworker at the Post Office. They called him “Teacher” that was the perfect name for him because he was definitely a Teacher with a lot of wisdom. Mr Butts always had a story to tell you that made you laugh and say ok I hear you Teacher you are so right. RIP soldier you fought a good fight now take your rest 🙏🙏🙏

Seritta Torrence - November 13, 2020 at 07:54 PM

TE

“ I'm sorry to hear about Mr. Butts and am sending my condolences to the family. I held him in high regard because he was my Sergeant Major (SGM) in the Army on Fort Jackson back in the '80s. The he came to the USPS and we would reminisce about the old Army days. He was a soft spoken, very respectful and kind man. My prayer to the family. May God bless and strengthen you. Tammy Bynum

TE - November 13, 2020 at 07:11 PM

BS

“ *Mr. Butts and I had the opportunity to work at the U.S.P.S together. He took pride in his work. He was known for the man that wore his apron. He will always be cherish in the our hearts. Sincerely, Bruce Gray Sr.*



Bruce C Gray Sr. - November 11, 2020 at 11:14 AM

RN

Jimmie B is a man that stands the test of time, once in the serviced, it's never leaves you he was one that always one standing tall just like he supposed to, it's was my pleasure to have know SM jimie B. And work with him for many years may God bless the family during this time of sorry, it's my hope and pray that we will see each other's again. Love in Christ Bro Ron Nelson

Ronald Nelson - November 14, 2020 at 01:02 PM

HS

Rest James, until you hear at dawn, the low, clear reveille of God. Thank you for your service to this nation. Career U.S. Army, 26 years of service.

Harry Simpson - August 19, 2023 at 01:10 PM