



Dr. James Robert Talley

May 28, 1943 - January 10, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Dr. James Robert Talley, passed away January 10, 2022, at Mississippi State Veteran's Home in Oxford, MS. A visitation will be held Friday, January 21, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Rd. East, Southaven, MS 38672). A celebration of life will immediately follow at 3:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of local arrangements.

Dr. Talley was born May 28, 1943, in St. Louis, MO, with an incredibly motivated and driven personality. He always had high expectations of himself and an exceptionally strong will. An avid runner and outdoorsman, James hiked almost all of the Appalachian Trail, and he ran enough miles to circle the Earth at the equator.

James loyally and patriotically served over thirty years in the United States Army and retired as a Colonel. He dutifully served the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne and two tours in the Vietnam War. Always conscientious and productive, at the age of 41, James spent a year living in California. While there, he learned to read, speak, and write Korean, before moving to Korea to continue his faithful service to the U.S. Army.

After completing his military service, Dr. Talley received his PhD in Sociology

from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He continued his career in education, after receiving his PhD, by teaching sociology at UT for almost twenty years.

Dr. Talley was a devoted family man. He leaves behind his wife, of 56 years, Lucille "Libby" Talley of Hernando, MS, his son John David (Penny) Talley of Hernando; his daughter, Heather Ann (Dave) Fuchs of Rochester, NY; his three grandsons, John Thomas Talley of San Antonio, TX, William James Talley of Olive Branch, MS, and Benjamin Franklin Talley of Hernando; his granddaughter, Harper Elizabeth Talley of Hernando; his great grandson, Parker William Talley of San Antonio; his brother, David Hugh (Marcia) Talley of Cheyenne, WY to cherish his memory.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Brownie Hugh and Marion Talley.

Donations and memorials in honor of Dr. James Robert Talley may be made to the donor's choice of the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) or to Retrieving Freedom, which trains service dogs and provides them to injured veterans (retrievingfreedom.org).

In honor of Dr. Talley's patriotic and loyal service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven on the day of his funeral service.

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Dr. James Robert Talley



Coleman Funeral Home - January 21, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Robert Talley



Coleman Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 05:34 PM

TB

A lovely tribute to the man, the husband, the father, grandfather, the soldier. God rest his soul.

Timm Breyel - January 15, 2022 at 07:14 AM

JW

I will always remember Uncle Jim for his warmth, strength of character, high accomplishments, and service for us all. He was a man I admired. With sorrow to Aunt Libby, Heather, and John and the entire family.

Jack Woodiel - January 15, 2022 at 01:02 PM

MW

*John, Penny & Family -
May you always find comfort in the precious memories that you have shared over the years. Please know that even though Raymond, Zachary and I could not be with you during this time, our thoughts and prayers are with you, always. We love you BIG!*

Monica Wright - January 22, 2022 at 08:33 AM

RT

What a Great Honor to Have, Cousin, Jimmy Bob ❤️ May He Rest in Peace with Uncle Brownie and Aunt Marion. P.S., I can still remember the day @ Aunt Wilma's and Uncle Doss' when Libby was pregnant then with John David. Wonderful Memories of A Wonderful Man. Jimmy Bob, I SALUTE YOU, SOLDIER !!! God Bless Libby and Family

Ronald E Talley - January 16, 2023 at 07:48 PM

JD

“ *We bid farewell to one of the kindest and greatest Colonels we ever served with. A true patriot and outstanding Army Officer who watched over us in all our duties during our 2 years with him in Seoul Korea from 1988 to 1990 . He led us as the Secretary of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission. So many fond memories of his humor and calm nature, when our frustration with the events of the day surfaced, he always had a way to keep it in perspective by simply saying "Oh well"with a smile. I know he arrived in heaven on his Harley with his grateful dead t shirt on, We will always salute you, Sir. His humble staff, LTC Bryant Jublou, COL James Walt Davis USMC, COL John B Davis, LTC David Davis, CAPT Michala Smith US Navy, LTC Mike Graziano.*

John B Davis - October 20, 2022 at 02:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. James Robert Talley.



January 15, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Jack and Pam Woodiel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. James Robert Talley.*



Jack and Pam Woodiel - January 15, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Chris & Fran Woodiel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. James Robert Talley.*



Chris & Fran Woodiel - January 14, 2022 at 05:09 PM