



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

James Ward Council '49

Died June 30, 2020



James Ward Council, age 88, died peacefully on 6/30/2020 after a short battle with brain cancer.

James is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Alice, and three sons: Charles, David, and Scott. He also had two grandchildren: Joseph, and Molly.

James is a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. For his service, he earned a Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Legion of Merit. He served honorably in the United States Air Force, retiring after a successful 30-year career and achieving the rank of Colonel.

James was a command pilot with thousands of hours of flying time in a variety of fixed-wing aircraft including the B-26, B-29, C-47, and venerable B-47. Outside the cockpit, James was an outstanding financial analyst and Comptroller, holding several top Comptroller positions with the Strategic Air Command and Military Airlift Command. James also supported numerous veterans' groups and causes throughout his life. He made

charitable donations and volunteered his time annually providing IRS tax support every Spring. In retirement, James and Mary Alice traveled the world visiting six of seven continents.

James's experience at Augusta Military Academy and in the U.S Air Force played a very important role in his life. He frequently pointed out that AMA and the Air Force taught him the value of discipline, teamwork, and investing in a cause larger than himself. He would often explain to loved ones how these values contributed to his success and distinguished 30-year career.

James was laid to rest after a military funeral at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on 1/11/2021.

[Ed: This tribute was sent to us by Jim's son, Scott. Thank you, Scott! All of Jim's medals are a part of the Museum of Augusta Military Academy's collection.]