



## James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret.

January 20, 1922 - March 13, 2020

North Augusta, SC - Memorial Services for James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret., 98, who entered into rest March 13, 2020 at his residence in Modoc, SC surrounded by the love of his family and caregivers, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. The Very Rev. C. Alexander McDonald officiating. Interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA., with full Military Honors at a later date.

Born in Polmont, Scotland in 1922, Jim came to America with his family at the young age of 8 years. They settled in Boston, MA. Jim joined the Army-Air Corp in 1941 to serve in WWII. In 1943, U.S. and China joined forces to form the 5th Fighter Group in the Chinese Air Force, which became part of the 14th Air Force Group – known as the Flying Tigers. Jim was assigned to that unit, working on P40/P-51 Fighters.

In 1946, following the War, Jim returned to the US and began a career with Eastern Airlines. In 1951, he was recalled to serve in the US Air Force and was stationed in Japan. He was deployed to Korea from 1951 – 1955 working on the C-119 Cargo planes.

Following Korea, Jim went on to serve with French Forces Indo-China and the Battle of Dien Bien Phu. He then went on to serve in the Cold War with the F-100/4FC Fighters.

Jim served a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 with the F-4C/F105 Fighter jets. Following Vietnam, Jim returned to the US and served many tours, stationed at many different bases across this country. His last two assignments landed him in (1) Systems Command in Washington D.C., and (2) Headquarters Pacific Air Force at Hickam AF Base in Hawaii. In 1997, when Jim ended his tour in Hawaii, he retired from the U.S. Air Force having served his country faithfully and honorably. Jim is predeceased by his parents, Peter and Mary Mathers Bennie; his beloved wife, Elsie Louise Gillon Bennie and a granddaughter, Beth Burgess.

Survivors include: two daughters, Molly Rehkemper, Chesapeake Beach, MD; Ann Brentfield-West, Key Point, WA; a son, Joseph Bennie, Mililani, HI; a sister, Ann Chumley, Laudon, TN; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one great-greatgrandchild; two nieces; two great-nieces; a great-nephew; several cousins who remain in Scotland; and his longtime caregivers, Glynnis Doolittle and Vickie Lehr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret.



Posey Funeral Directors - March 14, 2020 at 03:45 PM

AJ

*What an amazing honor*

Aurelia Johnson - March 14, 2020 at 08:04 PM

WR

*A famous General once said OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE THEY JUST FADE AWAY and how true a statement. I say Jim Bennie will live forever, how can we forget such a wonderful God loving man. With this video it will always take us on a journey with Jim.*

*RIP our Friend*

*Wayne & Ruth*

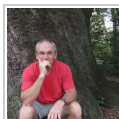
Wayne and Ruth - March 14, 2020 at 08:14 PM



Rachael Elizabeth

*You are surely missed. Your stories, zest for life and love of God will always be remembered. You were truly inspirational. ❤️ Rachael*

Rachael Elizabeth - March 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM



*Rest in peace, thank you for your service to our country.*

Chris Connell - April 02, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret.

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ The "Chief" and I worked at Air Force Systems Command in the mid-90's. During my 32 years working in AFSC he was without a doubt the "best of the best". I also got to know Babe, Molly and Ann - what a fantastic family! It was always such a joy to get his Christmas card and to know that he was ok. We have lost one in a million but he has gotten his well deserved rest and the happiness of being back with Babe.

Mary (Warneck) Hayenga

Mary Hayenga - March 19, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret..



March 17, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ With deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sorrowful time. Tom and Cathy Parker

Tom Parker - March 16, 2020 at 09:45 AM

LI

“ *Lisa sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Bennie, CMSgt., USAF, Ret.*



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**lisa** - March 16, 2020 at 07:05 AM

LI

*To a friend through many years, thank you for always supporting me. Wish you, my dear friend, Rest In Peace, and be free in heaven with who you love.*

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**lisa** - March 16, 2020 at 07:07 AM

AB

“ *To the Bennie Family. Thinking of you with our deepest sympathy and hoping each new tomorrow will bring you comfort and peace. Rest in peace our Comrade and Brother-in-Arms CMSGT (Ret) James W. Bennie, USAF. From the Department of Georgia Disabled American Veterans.*



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**Albert Boudy** - March 15, 2020 at 11:38 AM

SM

“ Mr. Jim was a wonderful man. It was always an honor to be around him. I always felt like I was around someone that was so good and so rare. When you think of Jim's life and all he has experienced, it's hard to imagine meeting anyone like him, and with so many life stories. My sister Glynnis was his caregiver and that is how our family got to know him and to love him. Living further away, I did not get to see him as much. That is why I always enjoyed seeing him when I visited. Jim was a good man, a real good man. He will be missed.



Shannon and Randy Meadows - March 14, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - March 14, 2020 at 03:31 PM