



## Mr. James Durbin Christian

September 19, 1947 - November 28, 2022

James Durbin Christian, husband of Sally Cooke Christian was born September 19, 1947 in Columbus Indiana. He was the son of the late Paul Durbin Christian, Jr. and Louise Hopkins Christian.

After graduating from Indiana University High School in Bloomington Indiana, James enlisted in the United States Navy. He served eight years, including two Vietnam tours.

After leaving the Navy James became an Industrial Electrician, specializing in troubleshooting industrial equipment.

He was a member of I.B.E.W. and I.U.E.

While still working James earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the College of Charleston in 1997. He then became a Technical Writer at Blackbaud writing user manuals for software programs.

He then earned a Master of Public Administration from a joint University of Charleston-University of South Carolina program in 2000.

James relocated to Columbia to attend the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication, earning a Master of Arts degree in Journalism in 2004. He continued working as a Technical Writer during this time.

He served as the President of the South Carolina chapter of the Society for Technical Communication and the Lowcountry chapter of Mensa.

He was also a writer and editor of the Ifra Trend Report and a writer for Dr. John Palms in the University of South Carolina President's Office.

As a doctoral student he began teaching undergraduate classes in Research Methodology and Media Law at the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

After becoming a Doctoral Candidate, he taught at Francis Marion University, Coker College, Columbia College, and Kan Shan University (Tainan, Taiwan).

James was proud to be a life member of the following organizations: National Eagle Scout Association, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, Am Vets, and Harley Owners Group.

He has been a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels since January 1979.

As a member of the American Legion Riders he focused on raising money for the Legacy Fund. He proudly served as a Ride Captain with the Patriot Guard Riders.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com

## Interment

DEC 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Durbin Christian*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Judy, John, Gregg, Laurel and Shawn purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. James Durbin Christian.*



**Judy, John, Gregg, Laurel and Shawn** - December 05, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Durbin Christian.*



December 03, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *You will be missed little brother*



**Judy McGee** - December 03, 2022 at 11:23 AM

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“ *I'm so very sorry Sally! Prayers and love sent to you for this heartbreak that you now have! I love you!!!*  
*Connie And Craig*



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**Connie Braddock** - December 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM