



## James Winford Macolly LTC U.S. Army (Retired)

December 18, 1938 - April 28, 2024

James Winford Macolly, LTC US Army (Retired)

James Winford Macolly of Mentone, AL died peacefully with his family by his side on April 28th. He was born on December 18th 1938 in Albany, GA to Sudie Bass Faulkner and Paul Nathan Macolly. He spent much of his childhood in Leesburg, GA with his beloved aunt Nettie Mae Bass and his older brother Ray.

In 1961, he married his college sweetheart Judy Martin Macolly. In 1964 they welcomed their daughter Lisa Catherine and in 1969 their son Mark James was born. James loved animals, music, singing, nature, photography, grilling and cooking. One of his favorite places to be was on the water. He felt at home on rivers, creeks, lakes and in the ocean and spent countless hours with his family in the waters off the Georgia coast. He had a competitive nature and played baseball and football in both high school and college. In later years, he played golf and loved fishing and hunting. His favorite place to be was always outside. He was an avid gardener. He was extremely patriotic, loving his country deeply. Family and faith meant everything to him. He had a strong commitment to his religion and was an active member of many churches throughout his life. At the time of his death he was a member Ruhama Baptist Church in Alabama where he formed many close friendships. He was also a Master Mason for over 50 years.

James attended Lee County High School transferring to Albany High School to play football where he graduated in 1957. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1961 and was commissioned into the Army as an Infantry Second Lieutenant where he began a 22-year Army career. His first duty station was Ft McClellan, AL followed by 3 years in Heidelberg, Germany where he transferred from Infantry to Military Police (MP). He and Judy took full advantage of their time in Europe traveling in their VW camper. He was promoted to Captain during their time there. In 1967, he was sent to Ft Campbell, KY where he formed an MP Company in preparation to go to Thailand to support the military in Viet Nam. They were deployed there that same year. Upon his return from Thailand, he was stationed at Ft Gordon in Augusta, GA where he attained the rank of Major. After that, he was sent to Ft McPherson in Atlanta, GA from which he was deployed to Viet Nam in 1970, returning to Atlanta in 1971 where he became a part of a small team assigned to assess military posts in the Southeast. In 1974, he was assigned back to Ft Gordon where he became Commander of CID (Criminal Investigation Division). By this time he had attained the rank of LTC. In 1977, he was assigned to Ft Stewart, GA where he was Provost Marshall of the 24th Infantry. He retired from the Army in 1982 having been awarded numerous decorations: National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oakleaf Cluster), Viet Nam Service Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oakleaf Cluster), Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry, and Army Service Ribbon. While in the service, his military education continued in Advanced Criminal Investigation, Drug Investigation, and ended with Command and General Staff College.

After his retirement he was the Director of Security for many private developments including The Landings in Savannah and Oldfield and Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, SC. He was a member of multiple police and security organizations, having helped found the South Carolina Security Managers

Association and was especially proud of the work he did implementing the Hurricane Evacuation protocols for Beaufort County, SC.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa Macolly Joselove (Scott) of Savannah, son Mark James Macolly of Savannah, grandson Broderick (Brody) James Macolly of Anniston, AL; and his siblings Ray Macolly (Patty), Kathryn Hightower, Jimmie Faulkner (Trina), Eddie Faulkner (Rosemary), Rex Faulkner (Deborah) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends whom he considered family. He was especially grateful to his caregiver and friend of the last 14 years, Judy Dunn.

The family will receive friends at a visitation at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home in Albany, GA Thursday May 2nd from 5-7pm. A service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11am Friday May 3rd followed by a graveside service with full military honors at the family plot in Leslie, GA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)), Lifeline for Vets ([nvf.org](http://nvf.org)), or Ruhama Baptist Church (3310 County Road 81, Ft Payne, AL 35967).

# Cemetery Details

## Leslie City Cemetery

Leslie, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-4152  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

## Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern  
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Albany, GA 31707  
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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Incredibly saddened at the passing of my bestest pal Jim. He welcomed this Canadian fellow with open arms on all of my visits to my cabin about two minutes from his place. He let me use his fishing gear and worms on multiple occasions. Without a doubt in the world he was the finest example of a good human being that I have ever had the honour of knowing. Oddly enough, I received a letter from him in my mail in Nova Scotia Canada just one week after he passed. I told him at our last meeting that I would look for him when my time came. I WILL see you on the other side my dear friend. Rest in peace my dear friend.

*Robert Smyth  
Trenton, Nova Scotia, Canada*

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**Robert A Smyth** - May 05, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SP

“ Jim was a wonderful neighbor. We shared many meals including holiday meals with him. Jim had such a gentle soul with a vast knowledge on so many different subjects and was loved by so many in the neighborhood. When he needed help in anyway he would always call us and or Johnny Pledger. .

*Jim often spoke of his daughter Lisa and never failed to say how much he loved her and was so proud of her and her accomplishments. I have no doubt she will miss her Dad everyday.*

*Jim loved his caregiver Judy Dunn who was always there for him. She loved him as a daughter would a father, in returned Jim loved her. She took such good care of him and his home.*

*I have NO doubt that Jim is singing in Heaven with all his family and friends that have been waiting for him. I am thankful that I had for many years and the privilege to have known such a wonderful man as my neighbor and very special friend.*

*Shirley Parker*

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**Shirley Parker** - May 03, 2024 at 02:11 PM

KL

“ Missing my great neighbor and very special friend who I called CJ. When I met him, I addressed him as Colonel and sir. He quickly corrected me and said it's just Jim. His mannerism deserved more. I nicknamed him CJ (Colonel Jim) to which he got a kick out of. Loved our many conversations and joint participation of gardening, fishing, fun things to eat, and most of all our mutual love for scriptures and Jesus. He had an adoring way of hinting for more of my oatmeal cookies. Dang, I do miss this great man!

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**Kim Little** - May 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

AS

“Marianne and I were saddened to learn of the death of our Best Man. Many happy memories of our Leesburg days, North Georgia College, and Army careers. Condolences to Ray and all of the family and friends. Ashton Smith

Ashton Smith - May 03, 2024 at 08:22 AM

LS

“You were so very special to Ken & I. At a time when they were needed so much by all of us, the comfort of voices on the phone over the past few years were cherished. Although our "getting together one more time" conversation didn't get accomplished here on earth we will look forward to that and seeing your beautiful smile when we meet again. You are loved and missed dear cousin. Linda & Ken



Linda & Ken Smith - May 03, 2024 at 12:55 AM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Winford Macolly LTC U.S. Army (Retired).



May 02, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DC

“Jim was one of a kind. He was a special man who was dedicated to God and country. He knew the Bible and was good at teaching the scriptures with a meaningful message applied to current situations. Jim remained a faithful friend and he will be missed by many. DiAnne Callahan

DiAnne Callahan - May 02, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BJ

“ Going to miss a wonderful neighbor and friend. Ben Johnson

Ben Johnson - May 01, 2024 at 07:57 AM

JD

“ Jerry and Darlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Winford Macolly LTC U.S. Army (Retired).

Jerry and Darlene - April 30, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Winford Macolly LTC U.S. Army (Retired).



April 30, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LS

“ Larry, Susan, Garry, & Tammy Simpson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Winford Macolly LTC U.S. Army (Retired).



Larry, Susan, Garry, & Tammy Simpson - April 30, 2024 at 04:08 PM