



James E. "Butch" Solomon

January 21, 1942 - November 19, 2024

James E "Butch" Solomon, age 82, of Sarasota Florida went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Butch was born on January 21, 1942, in Atlanta Georgia. He grew up in Douglasville, Georgia.

During his high school years, he met the love of his life, Norma Hunnicutt. He was a phenomenal athlete excelling in football, basketball, baseball and was also a golden gloves champion boxer.

He entered into the US Army and became an 82nd Airborne paratrooper. He also "walked on" as the quarterback for the US Army team for 2 years in Fort Bragg, NC.

Butch and Norma were married in Lithia Springs Georgia in 1961 and had an amazing life together for 63 years. He was a faithful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He became a police officer for the Marietta Police Department and served there until his retirement in 1980.

After retiring, he developed a passion for wildlife photography and his photos were donated to multiple state parks in Georgia and Florida where they are admired by many.

Later in life he and Norma volunteered at the Chattahoochee Nature Center rehabilitating birds of prey where he received the “Volunteer of the Year Award” several years in a row.

His passion for athleticism led him to become a boxing coach in the Atlanta area. He met many professional boxers and lead several men and women to the Lord through sharing his testimony.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Molly Brown, and his son in law, Bill Ackerly. He is survived by his loving wife, Norma, his two daughters, Donna Ackerly and Wendy Cohen, his son in law, Jeff Cohen, his two grandchildren, Matthew Cohen and Jordan Cohen, and his brother-in-law, Philip Hunnicutt, sister-in-law, Harriet Smith, and many, many nieces, nephews and friends that loved him dearly.

He was a hero to everyone who knew him. He will always be our hero.

We would like to thank all the staff at Life Care Center in Sarasota and the residents who became our extended family over the last 2 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory, to the Chattahoochee Nature Center Wildlife Department in Roswell, Georgia would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a private military honors ceremony for the family at Sarasota National Cemetery on December 9, 2024, at 2:30pm.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Butch was my Hero and Brother as I was growing up in Douglasville I will miss him and our time together rest now big brother and tell Molly and Mom that I love and miss them we will be together one day I Love You your little brother Randy,*

Randy Reynolds - November 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM

WE



Wendy - November 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

CJ

“ *Jim Solomon was one of the kindest men I ever met. I worked with him for many years at the Marietta Police Department. I always admired him and missed him when he retired. Praying for his sweet wife, Norma, his two daughters and all their family and friends.*

Carol Jeanes - November 22, 2024 at 07:00 PM

SW

Butch was just an all around good guy. He was one that all the rookies at the police department looked up to and tried to emulate. I first met him in the early 70s when he was the sergeant in charge of the newly formed Stake Out Squad. We became good friends because of our common love for athletics and shared many good times together. He was a role model for both law enforcement and Christianity. He was always kind but strong. May God grant his family peace and comfort during this time. Thanks for the memories Butch.

*Steve Wigington
Deputy Chief (ret.)
Marietta Police Department*

steve wigington - November 23, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TC

Jim was one of My training officers when I hired on the Marietta Police Department in 1971. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1973 and as the head of the first Stake Out Squad he chose Larry Smetzer and Myself to be under his command. When you sit in the car with someone for eight ours night after night you get to know them. He was a cops cop! He loved three things, his family, the Lord and police work! Norma, Donna and Wendy My thoughts and prayers are with you! Rest in peace My Brother in Blue. Captain Troy Callihan, Marietta Georgia Police Department, retired, Blue Ridge, Georgia

Troy Callihan - November 23, 2024 at 09:11 PM

WE

This brought tears to my eyes, I remember y'all coming to our house for dinner. Daddy would let me say "2-10-8" on his radio! Although, I doubt he was really letting me do it, I thought I was 🙏😊💖 I'll never forget those days 🙏🙏🙏 Thank you so much for this sweet comment! My dad thought the world of you, I'll never forget all the wonderful stories he shared with us from those days 🙏🙏🙏 God bless you!

Wendy - November 24, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RB

I am praying for God's peace that passes understanding for you, Norma and the girls. That is a gift from God that you will experience in the weeks to come.

Rita Barrett - December 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM