



## Colonel Dr. James Allen Pittman

August 31, 1938 - May 29, 2025

Colonel James A. Pittman passed away on 05/29/2025. He is predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Nancy G. Pittman; his parents, Col. Wayne C. Pittman and Dorothy G. Pittman; and his older brother, Col. Wayne C. Pittman, Jr. He is survived by daughters Susan K. Markham and Karen and Rodd Andrews; grandchildren Megan Latham, Katie Andrews, Corey Markham, and Samantha Stampo and great-grandson Desmond Latham; brothers Lt. Col. Lester and Clare Pittman and Rev. David and Alene Pittman.

Col. Pittman attended the Virginia Military Institute for premed and the University Of Mississippi School of Medicine for his MD degree. Following internship, he served as a Flight Surgeon with the 23rd TFS in Germany with F-105's and then F-4's. He then did a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He was an early advocate of nurse-midwifery and developed a "team approach" to OBGYN care, utilizing midwives, nurse practitioners, and physicians. After being promoted to Colonel in 1978, he assumed the role of Chairman of OB-GYN at Wright Patterson USAF Medical Center, also chairing the residency program. He was appointed as an Associate Professor at Wright State University and served as a Consultant in OB-GYN to the Air Force Surgeon General. His final tour in the Air Force was in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, where he was involved in designing the Quality Assurance program for tri-service hospitals. He was appointed as a Consultant in Quality Assurance to both the AF Surgeon General and the

Secretary of Defense.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he served as a consultant to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), assisting hospital medical staff in preparing for accreditation inspections. Over the ensuing 12 years, he served as a medical director in two hospitals and a health plan, with a focus on quality and accountability in medicine.

He was ordained an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in 1983 at Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Beaver creek, Ohio.

After retiring for the third time, he became a docent at the Washington National Cathedral and assisted his wife with her numerous volunteer activities. He employed his hobby of photography in all these endeavors, publishing several works on iconography at the cathedral and in interior design magazines, featuring both show houses and the homes of interior designers. He initiated the website and pictorial directory for Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Greenwich Presbyterian Church at 15305 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA 20181 <https://greenwichpres.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Tribute Wall



“ I was sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He and his brother, Wayne, were friends and classmates of mine at Burtonwood High School, RAF Burtonwood, England in the early 1950's. We send our deepest condolences to the family.

*Earl and Doreen Mahoney*

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**Earl Mahoney** - October 26, 2025 at 11:56 AM

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“ *Jim and Nancy Pittman were the first folks we met when moving into Heritage Hunt. They were lovely neighbors and we especially enjoyed their hosting of annual Christmas caroling gettogethers We have missed Nancy since her passing and Jim since his health precluded visits. May they rest in peace. Carol and Gibson Wood*

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**m/m Russell Wood** - June 07, 2025 at 09:21 AM