



James Arville Loudermilk II

January 18, 1948 - February 26, 2022

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, James Loudermilk II, of Manassas, VA, loving husband and devoted father of three, passed away at age 74.

Jim was born in Fort Worth, TX to James and Mary Alice Loudermilk. He received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Mathematics from the University of Dayton and the Degree of Applied Scientist in Communications Engineering from The George Washington University.

After completing two years of active duty in the US Army he transitioned to the Army Reserve and began his post military career. He ultimately retired from the Army Reserve at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following multiple roles in the private sector, he became an expert in the field of biometrics, holding many positions within the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including chief engineer and deputy program manager for development of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). He went on to share his knowledge of biometrics and other human identification technology as a subject matter expert, giving lectures in venues both foreign and domestic and providing advice directly to various organizations as an independent consultant.

He was also an active and longtime Scottish Rite Mason, achieving the distinction of a 33-degree Wise Master, and current Master of Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No.64.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Rita of 49 years, brother Charles Loudermilk (Lanette), daughter Margaret Loudermilk (Alan Bester), son James Loudermilk

III (Jennifer) and son Edward Loudermilk. He is also survived by his two favorite grandchildren, James Loudermilk IV and Samantha Bester, as well as his nieces Kristen Loudermilk and Lindsey Perdue (John). Jim was an avid reader and lifelong learner. He was a brilliant man and a master of public speaking. He was also humble, generous, kind, and devoted to his family. "He was a man. Take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again" (Shakespeare, Hamlet, 1.2. 188-189).

Visitation will be from 10am to 12pm and the funeral for Jim will be at 12pm at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110 on Friday, March 18th. Jim will be laid to rest at Quantico National Cemetery at 2pm on Friday, March 18th. There will be a reception to follow from 3-5pm at Manasseh Lodge No.182, 9810 Cockrell Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Brain Injury Association of America (<https://www.biausa.org/support/gifts-in-memory>).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Interment

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Reception

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Manassah Lodge No. 182
9810 Cockrell Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I was very saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. Jim and I worked together many years ago in the private sector. We were friends. Jim was not only a good friend, but he was a trusted business colleague and one of the “really smart people” in our company. Smart, funny, sincere, trusted, caring... These are just a few words that come to mind. I am sorry that we lost track of each other over the years, but the good memories persist. My sympathy and love go out to Jim’s family and friends. He will be missed.
- Mike Warren

Mike Warren - March 16, 2022 at 11:27 PM

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“ NEC Corporation of America purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Arville Loudermilk II.



NEC Corporation of America - March 16, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Arville Loudermilk II.



March 16, 2022 at 12:17 PM

TC

“ Teresa Wu & IDEMIA colleagues purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.piercefh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of James Arville Loudermilk II.

Teresa Wu & IDEMIA colleagues - March 16, 2022 at 07:22 AM

TW

“ I am deeply saddened to learn that we lost a highly regarded figure in the field of biometrics and identification. My heart sank when I heard of the passing of Jim Loudermilk. Jim was a mentor figure for many in our industry. I feel it is important that we honor Jim for all his contributions.

Jim Loudermilk was first and foremost a long-life technology advocate and eloquent evangelist. He never hesitated to share his knowledge and insight. He was always patient and generous with his time. It would be hard to recount the numerous conference presentations, panel discussions and workshops he has led, or the number of topic papers or articles Jim wrote and contributed throughout his career. As a pioneer and an innovator, Jim was eager to tackle new emerging technology topics.

It was an opportunity, a privilege, and a gift to have worked alongside Jim for the last couple years. I will be forever grateful. I had the opportunity to collaborate with him on several technical topic papers to push for market adoption. I often joked (in the presence of Jim) that he was my fairy God Father of Biometrics because he had this magical mix of encouragement, insight, and aspiration. Whenever I asked for help, I could always count on him. Someone as brilliant as Jim, can never be forgotten.

Teresa Wu - March 16, 2022 at 07:18 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Arville Loudermilk II.*



March 15, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Jim and I worked together closely on an IT project several years ago, and he was a trusted advisor and role model. I learned so much from him as he graciously guided me through the IT management process. I will have fond memories of his kindness and his sense of humor. Jim was definitely one of the good ones. My deepest sympathies to his family!*

Lorie Wyant - March 14, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *It was great pleasure to have worked with Jim. He was always kind and pleasant. I will remember his smile and the great conversations we had. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Phebe Barkley - March 14, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mr Loudermilk was ALWAYS a stand up guy. He had a great sense of humor and he will be missed. It was an honor working with him*

Debby Johnson Beckner - March 12, 2022 at 11:39 AM

MF

“ I was gifted with the time I was a contractor to, or a co-worker with Jim. A role model professionally and personally. So knowledgeable and a consummate public servant and gentleman. Will certainly remember him with great fondness and respect.

Mike Foster - March 11, 2022 at 11:05 AM

DA

“ Thinking of you today Jim. You were a great colleague, friend, and mentor and will be missed. You left the world a better place, and one day we will all be reunited on the golden streets in Heaven. It was a blessing to work with you and to know you. dra

David Albaugh - March 11, 2022 at 08:21 AM

TW

“ Jim was a giant among men. Always mentoring the young. There was no better person for a young cadet or Mason to look up to. He has been missed every day since his accident and his memory will be cherished for eternity. Rest easy, my good brother.

Troy Van Winkle - March 08, 2022 at 08:42 AM