



James Edward "Jim" Willett

July 18, 1959 - February 11, 2021

James Edward "Jim" Willett, age 61 of Searcy, parted this life on Thursday, February 11, 2021 in Searcy. Jim was born July 18, 1959 in Lansing, Michigan to Edward F. Willett and Elisabeth Ann Howery on their first wedding anniversary. He was raised in Lansing until the death of his mother in November 1971. He was then raised by family members and friends. In May 1977, he joined the US Army. James made a career of the military with three tours to Germany and many other state-side tours. He served as an Instructor and Drill Sergeant at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. He served as Interim First Sergeant with the United Nations Mission to Haiti. He served as Motor Sergeant and many times as Interim First Sergeant. James retired from the military in 1997 and became a resident of Searcy, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Onvia Lannette of Providence; three daughters, Breanna Lannette of Searcy, Mindy Marie of Speyer, Germany and Monica Lynn of Germersheim, Germany; one son, Robert James "Bobby" of Searcy; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 12:00 until 2:00 pm at Powell Funeral Home.

Funeral services will follow at 2:00 pm at Powell Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Providence Cemetery.

Due to the most recent COVID-19 directive, attendance is strictly limited to

100 people and face covering must be worn at all times.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Providence Cemetery

Providence Cemetery Rd.
Providence, AR 72020
powellbk@cablelynx.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
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<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM.

Powell Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edward "Jim" Willett



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 12, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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“ Have to down this month to say a finally good bye. He served several times in the Gulf War breaks my heart we were only 5 years apart. One of my little Bros Love “tis Viidio of his life He loved to travel

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“ Brent Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Jim" Willett



Brent Hughes - February 27, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Shirley Ann Glover lit a candle in memory of James Edward "Jim" Willett*



Shirley Ann Glover - February 13, 2021 at 09:34 AM