



## Lt. Col. James N Strength

January 6, 1948 - September 22, 2017

Lt. Col. James N. Strength, USAFR (ret.)

Jim, a resident of Belmont, North Carolina went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 22, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Prattville Memorial Chapel in Prattville, Alabama. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m, and service at 11:00 a.m.

Jim was born in Prattville, Alabama to Frances Lee (Silas) Strength and Alvin Newton Strength, the middle child of three. Growing up he liked sports, cats and getting into mischief with neighborhood friends. He met our mother, Susan (Tucker) Strength when she and his sister Dian (Strength) Morgan became best friends at thirteen years old. The two remained childhood friends and grew up in each other's homes.

Jim proudly served in the United States Air Force Reserve for most of his adult life. He graduated from Troy University in Troy, Alabama and in 1973 attended Officer Training School at Mather Air Force Base in California. Jim was then assigned to the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field (a part of Eglin Air Force Base) in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Jim was trained as a navigator and became the Fire Control Officer on the AC-130A Spectre Gunship in Operation Just Cause in 1989 and during the Gulf War in 1991. For his service in Operation Just Cause, Jim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. In addition to his military service, Jim managed Gulf Power Company and worked in the Civil Service in his adopted hometown of Crestview, Florida where he also served his community in many ways, most

notably as the President of the Chamber of Commerce. Once retired, he and Susan moved to North Carolina to be with their two daughters, Suzanne and Ashley, and their families. These days were happily spent playing with grandchildren, watching Alabama football and being the family expert handyman and gardener.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by wife Susan, of the home, his brother Donald Strength of Prattville, AL, his sister Dian (Strength) Morgan and husband David of Alpharetta, GA, his son Chris Ray and wife Lynn of Prattville, AL, his daughters Suzanne Strength of Lincolnton, NC and Ashley (Strength) Quattrocchi and husband David of Cramerton, NC. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 5 nieces and nephews, 10 great nieces and nephews and 4 great-great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the USO Organization at [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
prattvillememorial@live.com

## Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens  
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# Tribute Wall

FD

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Lt Col James N Strength. My family and his family all went to church together and my Mother taught Sunday School for the group of boys that he called his neighborhood friends (I think around the age of 7 or 8). My brother was one of those friends and yes they were mischievous at that age. I was so shocked to see that he had passed away, but know that Jesus needed him more. We still live in Prattville and had lost track of him, but then found him on facebook not too long ago. May God wrap His arms around all of You at this time and in the hard days to come. But remember You will be together again one day in the place the God has prepared for us. Gene and Frances Deavers, and the Reynolds family

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**Frances Deavers** - September 29, 2017 at 02:42 PM

DR

“ Susan,  
Our deepest sympathy to you and the family  
as you go through this extremely sad time

*Jim was a "Devoted Professional & True Friend"  
who will be dearly missed by us all*

*The "Retired Aircrew" Association of Duke Field, FL*



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**Dennis Rowell** - September 28, 2017 at 09:33 AM

SS

*Thank you, Dennis. and thank you to the Duke Field friends who came to Jim's service. He would have been so, so pleased. This is one of my favorite pics of the gunship...gives me goosebumps.*

Susan Strength, wife of Lt. Col. Jim Str - October 01, 2017 at 02:48 AM

SM

“ Susan and family. So very sad to hear of your great loss. Ken and I cannot begin to know what you must be going through. You are and will continue to be in our prayers, precious one. God bless you, your children, grandchildren and other family members. Ken and Susan Gail Bryan Morgan

Susan Morgan - September 28, 2017 at 01:30 AM

RO

“ Fond memories of a great boss, friend and family man. Prayers for the family.

Robinson - September 28, 2017 at 12:07 AM

WL

“ I'm so sorry of the news. Jim was a good friend during the time I spent in the 919th flying as a IR Sensor. He was a true Ghost rider and will be missed.

Wil Loosen - September 27, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



September 27, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



September 27, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ I am so very sorry for what I called the loss of my 'grapevine to my heritage'. I was a daddy's girl and his diseased heart was what made me seek a career in the medical field. I was in shock for the first couple of weeks. You be also. I want to make sure you and Susan know that my heart and my mind are holding you ladies in my prayers. With a lot of love and hugs sent your way...your cousin...C.

Charlotte Rushing Roberts - September 27, 2017 at 09:37 AM



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Suzanne Strength - September 27, 2017 at 08:10 AM

TO

“ *Blue skies sir. You will be fondly remembered by your military family at the 919th SOW.*

*Tyler Outten*

**Tyler Outten** - September 26, 2017 at 06:56 PM



*Thank you so much, Tyler. We appreciate your kind words.*

**Suzanne Strength** - September 27, 2017 at 09:16 AM

RR

“ *Jim always set the standard. He is now carrying the colors for the rest of us. Our prayers are with him and his family.*

*Daryl and Rich Riddle*



**Richard Riddle** - September 26, 2017 at 06:29 PM

JM

*Jim was a fine individual and we shared many a deployments into some strange places, He will be missed, I salute you Jim.*

**John Moran** - September 26, 2017 at 08:26 PM



*Thank you so much for sharing this with us. We appreciate your fond memory. God bless.*

**Suzanne Strength** - September 27, 2017 at 09:16 AM

RL

*I will remember you and miss u already*

**Robyn Lucas** - September 27, 2017 at 09:22 AM



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James Dombrosky - September 26, 2017 at 06:19 PM



I can't tell you what this means to me. Thank you so much for sharing the article.

Suzanne Strength - September 27, 2017 at 09:19 AM



What an honor to have a daddy, husband, and brother like this!

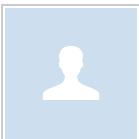
Paul Strength - September 28, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



September 26, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



September 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM

DC

“ Words can not express my heartfelt sympathy and sorrow for you Susan and your family and also Dian and family. My prayers are that the Lord will grace you with peace and comfort.

Danny R. Collier

Danny Collier - September 26, 2017 at 08:27 AM

SS

Thank you so much, Danny.


Susan Strength, wife of Lt. Col. Jim Str - October 02, 2017 at 02:21 AM

DB

“ Debbie Gilmore Bowen lit a candle in memory of Lt. Col. James N Strength



Debbie Gilmore Bowen - September 26, 2017 at 07:03 AM

 Theresa Mocilan

“ So sorry for your loss . Sending prayers and love to you and your family



Theresa Mocilan - September 26, 2017 at 06:15 AM

DK

“ Doug and Sylvia Kocour purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



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**Doug and Sylvia Kocour** - September 25, 2017 at 10:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.



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September 25, 2017 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. My prayers are with you and your family. I have known Jimmy since I was 11 years old. We met going to Prattmont Baptist Church. I am deeply sadden.  
Larry Street

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**Laurence Street** - September 25, 2017 at 09:35 PM

JS

“ Jim and I shared many happy times in our youth playing sports together and in general being young kids in a small town. Susan, I am so sorry for the loss of an old and dear friend and patriot. Prayers for all the family. Sadly I can't make the service as I do not travel very well. I did get to talk with Jim at our reunion and am glad for that.

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**jim Smith** - September 25, 2017 at 08:13 PM

DC

“ *Delores Clark-Jones lit a candle in memory of Lt. Col. James N Strength*



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**Delores Clark-Jones** - September 25, 2017 at 08:05 PM

DM

“ *Doris Smith McLeod*



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**Doris Smith McLeod** - September 25, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. James N Strength.*



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September 25, 2017 at 04:21 PM