



James Karson Ditslear

February 8, 1948 - October 22, 2015

James Karson Ditslear passed away on October 22, 2015 at 67 years of age in Lake Havasu City. He was born to Harry and Lucille Ditslear on February 8, 1948 in Tiffin, Ohio. He met his wife in San Diego in 1992; it was love at first sight. They were married on June 5, 1999 in San Diego and shared 16 very, happy years.

James served in the U.S. Army; commissioned, 2nd LT/Infantry in March 1968, Vietnam 1st Cavalry Div, Sept 1968-Sept. 1969. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved to read. He created a gardening program for the inmates of the correctional facility he worked at in San Diego. He loved his family and his cats. He was a lifetime member of VFW, NRA and Ducks Unlimited.

James is survived by his father, Harry Ditslear of Lake Havasu City, AZ; wife, Elsie Ditslear of Lake Havasu City, AZ; daughter, Karen Ditslear of San Diego, CA; step-son, Merle Holtquist of Lake Havasu City; step-daughters, Julie Adams (Michael) of Everett, WA; Lisa De La Cruz (Edward) of San Antonio, TX, Marlene Kay of Fresno, CA; brother, Paul Ditslear of Louisville, KY; sisters, Jane Platt of Fort Wayne, IN, Diane Crowell (Roy) of Spokane, WA, Nancy Smith (Ned) of Fort Wayne, IN; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his mother, Lucille La Mott; step-mother, Maxine Ditslear; step-father, Bob La Mott and brother, Brad Ditslear.

A funeral service will be held at Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 28th at 2 pm.

Services were placed in the care of Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home and Crematory. Thoughts and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lietz-frazefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral services

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home & Crematory - Lake Havasu City

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Met Jim at the SDSO Academy in early '78...being a NCO in the CA National Guard, I was impressed with Jim being an Officer & serving in Nam...I felt he had the right stuff for being a Sheriff as he was very adapt at all phases of our Academy & his no-nonsense sense of humor was appreciated by us all, including the staff...after graduation, our Academy Class had several picnics over the years & unfortunately that's the last time I saw Jimmie...but, did keep track of his activities thru SDSO Buddy Kim Quaco...I wish I had known he was residing in Lake Havasu City as I retired out there & currently spend winters there...my condolences to the Ditslear extended family...I have attached a pic I took of Jim while in the Academy...RIP my brother...you did make a difference...:-(

Doug Francoise
Retired: Carlsbad PD



Doug Francoise - December 02, 2015 at 01:13 AM

SR

“ Jim, you were always looking out for us while working at LCMDF. It was a pleasure working with you, your friendly attitude and dedication. My condolences to the family.

Sue Rustin



Sue Rustin - December 01, 2015 at 08:00 PM

DC

“ Jim was just a great all-around guy. He was dependable, friendly, competent, fun to work with, and a very solid deputy. One of the best I ever worked with. RIP, old friend.

Doug Clements

Doug Clements - December 01, 2015 at 07:09 PM

BQ

“ Jim it was a pleasure and honor to work with you. You always kept a positive attitude with all of the staff that you worked with.

Rest in Peace Brother!

Burt Quick

Burt Quick - December 01, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MS

“ I spent many night shifts working with JD at the Sheriff's Office Lemon Grove Station and in the jail. He was a great partner, honest man and a reliable hand. Jimmy could be counted on to give it to you straight and with no baloney. He was an old school deputy sheriff.... the kind we need now more than ever but that, sadly, are fading out.

Bless his family members and my condolences on such a loss at way too soon a time.

Mike Sindelar, Detective

San Juan County (NM) Sheriff's Office

San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Ret.(1973-2001)

Mike Sindelar - December 01, 2015 at 11:29 AM