



## James Edward Fuller

June 28, 1942 - March 13, 2024

James Edward Fuller, 81, of Weslaco, Texas, passed away Wednesday March 13, 2024, at home with Becky by his side. He was born on June 28, 1942, in Erie, PA, second oldest of seven children.

Jim was preceded in death by his brother Larry Fuller, father Lloyd Fuller and mother Aletha Fuller (Haas).

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Rebecca "Becky" Fuller (Ziegler), his daughters Dawn Curtis and Deborah Ison, siblings Kathryn Bible, Marilyn Fuller-Smith (Peter), Elaine Hemstreet (Alan), Rosemarie Werling (Charles) and Dana Fuller. Also, his grandchildren Megan Pike (Rudy), Moriah Nickell (Dalton), James Curtis and Sarah Curtis, as well as his great-granddaughter Juniper Dawn Nickell.

Jim graduated in 1960 from Rice Avenue Union High School in Girard, PA before joining the US military where he served 21 years as Hospital Food Service Sergeant and Aircraft Maintenance Senior Sergeant. He served two tours in Vietnam and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA where he was part of the Executive Flight / Army One during the administrations of President Nixon and President Ford.

He and his family transferred to Fairbanks, AK where he served with the

172nd Infantry Brigade / 242nd Aviation Company at Fort Wainwright, AK. Throughout his military career, Jim received several prestigious awards including the Bronze Star Medal (Valor), Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Overseas Service Bars (4), Expert Badge (Rifle M-16), Presidential Service Badge, Senior Aircraft Crewman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge (With Palm), Good Conduct Medal (5th & 6th Award).

Retiring from the US Army in 1980, Jim and Becky bought a house in North Pole, AK where they would call home for the next 25 years. Jim then became the Station Manager at Aircraft Service International at the Fairbanks International Airport. In 2006, Jim and Becky embarked on their lifelong dream of traveling across the country to reconnect with family, friends and met many new friends along their journey. They enjoyed hosting campgrounds and gate guarding at the oil fields in Texas, finally landing at Snow to Sun in 2017 to call their new home.

In his leisure time, Jim indulged in various hobbies, including bowling, camping, square dancing, playing poker as well as being an avid Washington Redskins football fan. He began his hobby of "HO" gauge trains in North Pole with his grandson James Curtis, who was four years old at that time. He went on to collecting and building "N" gauge trains here in Texas.

Jim's knowledge, dedication, and passion for learning will be dearly missed by all who knew him. His legacy of service and love for his family will forever be cherished.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00am at Snow to Sun RV Resort Park 1701 N. International Blvd. Weslaco, Texas 78599. Interment will follow at 2:00pm at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans

Cemetery 2520 S. Inspiration Rd, Mission, Texas 78572.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Aurora House Foundation at  
2646 W. 18th St Weslaco Texas 78696.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jim at work on Fairbanks International Airport where he was the Station Manager for ASI. He and his team were fueling our big B747's. We became very close friends very soon and our friendship was crowned by trust and loyalty that included his whole family. He was always along the line of accurate thinking, common sense was the big thing for Jim. I am very grateful for Jim and his family's friendship, it was an honor to be one of Jim's best friends. Rest in Peace Jim on Gods side

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