



## James Arthur McDaniel

April 8, 1945 - December 8, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel James A. McDaniel, of Fairfax Station, Virginia, died surrounded by his family on Friday, December 8, 2017. He was born in Texas in 1945 and was the youngest of three children. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur T. and Ruby Lee McDaniel, a sister Mary Bess Moerbe, and a brother William T. McDaniel.

A 1967 graduate of Texas A&M University, he was commissioned into the United States Army as a Field Artillery Officer. After airborne training he joined the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY just in time to deploy with the unit to Viet Nam where he would earn the Bronze Star. Over the course of his career he served in a variety of staff and command positions throughout the United States and in three foreign countries with the highlight being command of the 3/79th Field Artillery Battalion in Giessen, Germany from 1986-1988. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 22 years of distinguished service having been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Jumpmaster Badge.

After his retirement from the service in 1989, Jim served as the Director of Administration for the National Catholic Education Association, in Washington D.C. for 19 years.

For many years, Jim was the official family party planner, he loved grilling

outdoors for groups large or small. Friends were always welcome. Jim could often be found visiting with neighbors while walking his furry best friend around the neighborhood.

He was the beloved husband to Lea, his wife of 50 years; loving father to Meredith Millard (Dean) and Paige Ross (Jim); and devoted grandfather to Marissa, Rhianna, Sam, Matt, and CJ. Also, surviving him are a sister-in-law, Florene McDaniel; five nieces and nephews; a grand niece and two grand nephews.

Friends and family can gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22315 on Saturday, 16 December 2017 from 1 PM to 2 PM for a memorial service. Private inurnment and an additional memorial service will occur at a later date in Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to The American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org>), The American Lung Association (<http://www.lung.org>) or the Children's Inn at NIH (<https://childrensinn.org>).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Arthur McDaniel*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ *As Monsignor Jordan has already said, Jim McDaniel was indeed the "go to man" at NCEA. He was always ready to help me solve complicated and challenging problems that would come up on a daily basis. I would have been lost without him! Monsignor Jordan made one mistake, however when he said that Jim "did not share our faith." Our faith is the Christian faith, and Jim McDaniel lived an exemplary Christian life. May he now be resting in the peace of the Lord. Catherine McNamee, CSJ*

December 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim McDaniel was known to all as the "go to man" at NCEA. He knew how to work through the bureaucracy of so many autonomous administrators. Although he did not share our faith, he was most supportive of the work of our mission to Catholic education. A true soldier of our nation and our God, we are grateful for his service. We are all better off for knowing Jim McDaniel. May he rest in peace.

*Monsignor John W Jordan*

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December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Arthur McDaniel*

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**Gracious Lavender Basket** - December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Arthur McDaniel*

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**Sweet Tranquility Basket** - December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Arthur McDaniel*

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**America the Beautiful** - December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go to Jim's family during these difficult days. I got to know Jim when I arrived at NCEA in 1989 and he was his usual most helpful self in getting me oriented to the association. His outstanding knowledge and experience were a great asset to NCEA. In reading his obituary, I never knew of his outstanding military career. May he Rest In Peace, Amen.*

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December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences and prayers to Jim's family. Jim was a pillar at NCEA. He was " a gentleman and an officer" at all times and willing and able to take on any task assigned. He was a "can do" guy working among a group of "talking teachers." I first met Jim during one of my pre-installation visits to NCEA; I had lunch with Jim and George Kirby. I don't remember the details-- I suppose they were sizing me up, the first lay president--but I do recall enjoying meeting with two men whose great support and contributions made it possible for the education staff to focus on the substance of our work. Jim's professional work, both defending our country and supporting the mission of NCEA, are lasting legacies. RIP  
Len and Maryann DeFiore

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December 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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**Sacred Duty Spray** - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ A Dear man with a Dear Heart for both his family and soldiers alike.  
Jim will be terribly missed.

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December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim was the first staff person I met on my first day of work at NCEA in the summer of 1998. It was a hot Washington day and I got the distinct impression that a request for help unloading a car full of boxes was not met with eagerness. We had a few laughs down the road about our first impressions of each other. By the time I retired in 2008, I had come to rely on Jim as a valued and dedicated colleague who always put the mission of NCEA first..  
Claire Helm

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December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I grew up with Jim at Forest Grove. He gave me my first and only black eye while playing at church. I paid him back many yrs later by putting a dent in his car .I can tell just from FB he was a wonderful husband,father and grandfather.He will be missed .

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December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ You and your whole family are in our hearts and prayers.

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**Blue Remembrance** - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jimmy Mac was my classmate from second grade until high school graduation. He was a dear friend and a kind compassionate person. He will be missed by many. Luckily, we have some great memories to remember him by.

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**Tender Tribute** - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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**America the Beautiful** - December 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Jim for being such a great neighbor and friend. We will miss you! George & Micki Martin*

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December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM