



James A Scott III

Sunrise: August 5, 1938 - Sunset: August 18, 2022

Order of Ceremony

Chaplain (Major) James Polk Officiating

Welcome

Invocation

History of West Point Cemetery

Remembering A Warrior _ James A Scott III

Scripture

Military Honors

Benediction

Committal

Remembering A Warrior

Good Morning!

While this may not seem to be the time or place for that cheery salute...it is how Jim Scott began each new day, greeted every person he met, tackled every new task, accomplished every mission, and conquered every challenge he faced.

Jim was a Warrior. Certainly, as a highly decorated combat pilot – what he described as the “most exhilarating” job he ever had – and there is no question it also defined him in every facet of his life. On the basketball court – where he set long-standing scoring records and earned the nickname ‘Ripper’; on the football field – where he earned All State honors two years in a row; on the golf course – where he continued to compete in full leg braces; and even fishing – when he jumped out of the boat to retrieve his rod snatched out of his hand by a trophy bass. After all, wallets and IDs can be replaced but eight pounders are not to be left unconquered!

When asked, “...and what do you do?” His modest reply, “Well, mainly, I keep the world safe for democracy.” A Warrior on the job, he excelled at every assignment, as stated in his OERs. More importantly, and of enduring value, he earned the respect and admiration of all those with whom he served. Jim never flinched when given the opportunity to start a new career in uncharted waters. Not once but twice, he dove right in, ready for whatever came his way. Taking tiny companies with giant dreams to the marketplace...sure thing! Raising emus, ostrich and organic vegetables for healthy food choices...we’ll figure it out!

However, Jim’s longest and most challenging battle came with the onset of Agent Orange. For nearly three decades, he persevered against repeated insidious attacks on his health...and he did so with unyielding optimism, courage, tenacity AND his hallmark irrepressible, unfailing sense of humor!

Victor Frankl, Holocaust survivor, wrote of his experience, “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing...to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way” in meeting what life presents.

Jim Scott was a Warrior in all things – ‘Above the Best’ and ‘Second to None’. Like Jim, may we all choose to live that “Good Morning!!”

Well done, Jim. Be thou at peace.

*From the entire Scott tribe, our
sincerest gratitude to each of you
for joining us here today to
celebrate Jim.*

Thank you