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James William York (Jim) 83 of Tallahassee, Florida born to parents Carl and Annette York on November 17, 1939, in Chattanooga, Tennessee passed away peacefully on December 27, 2022.

Jim is survived by the love of his life, wife of 34 years Nancy Linnan. His children, daughter Ami York Trombino and husband Joseph, son Greg Harmon and wife Christy, son Mark Harmon and wife Melissa, four grandchildren, Graham, Ethan, Isaac, and Adelaide, sisters Lynda York and Kathy Dodd, brother Lance Roberts, brother in laws Mike and David Linnan, extended family, cousins, nieces, nephew, and dear friends. He is also survived by his dogs Walker and beloved Charlie boy. Jim was predeceased by his sister Carlynn York Calhoun.

He was a Navy veteran. He received a Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice degree at Rollins College, and a Juris Doctor, Law degree at University of Florida Levin College of Law. Jim was a former Chief of Police at the Orlando Police Department, a former Commissioner at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a former Deputy Attorney General at Florida Attorney General, and he retired as Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge at Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

Jim loved rescuing dogs, model railroading, reading books, fishing, eating gourmet food and traveling. He was a huge fan of the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox. One of his greatest joys in life was spending time with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his charity, positive outlook, sense of humor, and his contagious laugh, his bigger than life heart and a smile that lit up any room he walked into.

A memorial service will be held at the Tallahassee National Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 27th, 2023. Tholley Taylor with Lifesong (850/765-3190 or lifesongfunerals.com) is assisting the family with arrangements.




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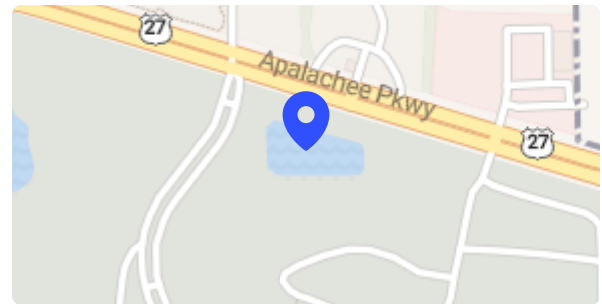
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Graveside Service

 **Friday**, January 27, 2023

 2:00 PM ET

 **Tallahassee National Cemetery**
5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee FL 32311





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Richard Doran posted:

I met Jim when he became Deputy Attorney General and I was a young lawyer in the office. He was always supportive and provided me valuable lessons in how a public servant should conduct themselves. May he Rest In Peace. Richard Doran.

January 8 at 5:15 AM



John Phelps posted:

Jim York was both a good and a great man for his family and for the State He was the very definition of a fine public servant. He will be missed for his many talents but above all for his honorable service.

January 3 at 10:39 AM



Juli Kessler lit a candle in honor of James.

Love you UJ ! Life will never be the same.How lucky we were to have had someone that makes saying goodbye so hardLove you Juli. (aka Wifey)

December 31 at 8:27 AM



Jennifer posted:

My Uncle Jimmy, my Mother's brother, was a very special man. He was the most incredible, self educated, caring, witty, generous, loving and knowledgeable person I know. UJ was only educated to the eighth grade in Chattanooga, TN but got his GED and joined the Orlando Police Department where he swiftly climbed that ladder being the only person advancing to the Chief position from Lieutenant. He put himself through college, achieving his degree from Rollins College and completed Law School at UF ~all while raising his three children as well as was very present helping my mom with her household. UJ went on to several high positions in the state and acquired the respect and friendship of his peers. He retired as Judge but never stopped rescuing and providing the best care for any dog on God's green earth in need. UJ is who I called for about important life advice or just to joke about how many dogs shared the bed with he and Nancy that night. It's too soon UJ but I'm so happy to know you have many loving arms welcoming you in Heaven. 🌙 It's Only a Paper MoonSailing over a cardboard seaBut it wouldn't be make-believelf you believed in me 🙏 ... and you did.

December 30 at 7:04 PM



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Joseph C. Trombino posted:

I met Jim in 2005 when his daughter, Ami and I went to visit him and his wife, Nancy. He was very kind and hospitable. It didn't take me long to realize what a cool, funny, and awesome father Ami had. I had my first "meatless" chili that Jim had made that day and much to my surprise, it was delicious! Since then, Ami and I have gone on several road trips with Jim and Nancy, including New York City and upstate NY. We also visited Maine, where I never ate so much lobster in my life! I will never forget those times I spent with Jim or his funny jokes and quotes that I still use to this day. We will all miss Jim but we will remember him forever. Joe Trombino (son in law)

December 30 at 3:35 AM



Lynda posted:

My brother was the love of my life, my hero, my idol. He will be missed beyond words. I love you sweet bro ❤️❤️❤️❤️

December 29 at 9:21 AM



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Christine Harmon (Daughter In Law) lit a candle in honor of James.

When I first met him seven years ago , he said I am so happy my son has found you. I asked "Mr. York how should I address you?" He replied "Darlin you just call me Dad " he welcomed me with open arms , I was very proud to call him Dad he was extremely kind and loving and I am going to miss him and his smile that would light up the room, going to miss hearing his voice and him calling me Darlin. Rest in peace Dad, I love you.



December 28 at 10:50 AM

LZ

Lb Zeuli February 28 at 3:15 AM

I had the distinct honor and pleasure to have worked with Jim when he joined the same Orlando law firm where I also was working as an attorney. His stellar reputation as Chief of the Orlando Police Department had preceded his anticipated arrival. From my first meeting with him at the firm, Jim showed his humbleness and willingness to be a team player in his new role. We discovered during conversation that we had previously "met" during his Chief position. He had visited a critically injured police officer in the ICU when I was one of many health care professionals providing care for the officer. I well recalled that first meeting with "The Chief" not only because Jim had made time to see the officer. I saw first-hand his sincere kindness and interest for that officer. The visit was not just a check of the boxes for Jim. And so he brought that same humanity to the practice of law. I worked numerous cases with Jim at the firm and was always impressed with his quick mind that he mixed with a dry wit. Not surprisingly, he continued to greatly excel in his career, becoming Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida. Even in that esteemed position he himself, Jim, not "AG York", reached out and asked for my assistance from time to time, instead of delegating it to one of his assistants. He clearly touched many lives in different, positive ways. I was one of those lucky people whose life was indelibly changed for the better for having met him. I will always be grateful to him and remember that gift. May you rest in peace, Jim. My deepest sympathies to Nancy, about whom he often lovingly spoke, his family and friends. Louise B. Zeuli

DH

David Hale January 7 at 6:05 AM

Having provided veterinary care over decades for Jim and Nancys' numerous pets, I bore witness to the most profound caring and love for animals imaginable. So many memories of all sorts. Jim embraced and was thankful for his long life. Jim and Nancys' beloved pets are now in the loving care of one of my former employees on the West Coast. What an honor it has been to take care of their beloved pets. What inspiring, loving people.

GT

Guy Tunnell January 6 at 5:15 AM

So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends. Though not close, I've known Jim for many years and am so appreciative for the impact that he's had on the criminal justice field during his various assignments. "Well done, thy good and faithful servant!"



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Lucy Morgan January 3 at 3:32 PM

He was the best FDLE director - a great friend who managed to put up with all my questions...so sad to see he is gone..



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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