



James Peter Glaser

May 8, 1947 - June 14, 2022

James Peter Glaser, 75, passed away on June 14, 2022, at HCA Florida Capital Hospital. Born May 8, 1947, to James and Barbara Glaser in Saint Paul, Minnesota, James grew up in the city of his birth and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right after graduation from high school. After serving in Viet Nam and returning as a decorated veteran, he studied art and constructive design at Arizona State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree.

James later married Charmaine Marie Leecy (an Anishinaabe woman from Nett Lake, Minnesota) and at the end of her life cared for her as she died from a long-endured illness. After Charmaine's passing, James met and married Wanda Violet (a native Floridian), and they purchased a home in Madison, Florida, where they have resided as valued members of the community for 12 years.

The date of Jim's passing, Flag Day, June 14, 2022, was significant for a proud, decorated veteran. During the final hours of his life, a late afternoon Florida thunderstorm blew in. Jim departed this life to the sounds of tumultuous thunder and lightning, as if Heaven itself were heralding his passing, and welcoming him to join his Savior and loved ones who had gone before.

James was a prolific writer, gifted storyteller, woodworker, and sculptor, known for his pursuit of excellence and perfection in his work. He was trained as a Master Gardener at the University of Minnesota and grew perfect tomatoes. He designed and built an immense and magical treehouse with towers, screened-in porches, and adjoining walkways, and transformed the yard he shared with Wanda into an oasis of thriving plants, fruit trees, and gardens of both flowers and vegetables.

He spent many happy hours perfecting a fudge recipe passed down from his mother. He never kept his creations but shared them with countless friends he made throughout his life. For those not within sharing distance, he recounted the experience and process, so that they felt they were right there beside him.

James is survived by his wife of 14 years, Wanda Violet; his three children: Nikki Glaser (Larry), Garrett Glaser (Lucci), Whitney Glaser (Rob); two sons by marriage: Caleb Green (Malia), Joseph Green (Courtney); six grandchildren: Jazmin, Amelia, Mia, Mason, James, Lizzy, and four by marriage - Joey, Matthew, Mya, and Nathan; three sisters: Jean Hartle, Jackie Chiapuzio, and Jodi Chafin (Mike).

To say that he will be missed is an understatement. His impact on the people in the different places he has lived from Minnesota to Arizona and finally to North Florida has and will linger on for many, many years. Few people ever come along with the character, fidelity, honesty, compassion, strength, and tenderheartedness that was all found in the man, James Peter Glaser.

No services are scheduled at this time. If you wish to honor Jim's memory, please make a donation in his honor to someone who is struggling during these difficult economic times in your community, which is something he was always quick to do.

Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel is assisting the family with

arrangements 850-973-2258.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting our website at www.beggfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Wanda Glaser-thanks for sharing “A Veteran’s Garden” with us . I will share it with others especially ones that might benefit from the impact of having a garden. It was a pleasure meeting you and your grandson. Best wishes for your future endeavors.
From 2 diners at Ned’s

Chip and Sharon - March 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM

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“ Just heard the news of Jim's passing. Jim and I were classmates in grade school and high school. He was one of the nicest persons I ever knew. His folks were friends of my folks, and were also the nicest people ever as well. Our sincerest condolences to Jim's family. May you now Rest In Peace....

Greg & Jo Beckwith - February 27, 2023 at 03:46 PM

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“ James was a kind, sweet and engaging man. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. His woodworking skills were so impressive and beautiful. His garden is a place of beauty and peace.

Kathleen Harvey - June 24, 2022 at 05:59 PM