



## James A. Earl III

November 5, 1931 - March 7, 2026

In Loving Memory of Maj. James Albert Earl III

James A. Earl III (Jim) 94, of San Antonio, Texas passed away peacefully on March 7, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on November 5, 1931, in San Antonio, Jim was a devoted husband, loving father and cherished grandfather. An Eagle Scout, Texas A&M graduate, and U.S. Air Force fighter pilot rising to the rank of Major, he was the steadfast mentor and the glue that held generations of his family together. Jim is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Messina and Martha Cain, his son James A. Earl IV, four grandchildren Michele Miller, Robert Miller (Laura), Sunny Perez (Kenon) and Dylan Larson (Savannah), seven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Bettye Alren Earl, parents James Albert Earl Jr. and Helen Edythe Earl, brother Michael Raymond Earl and wife Priscilla Earl.

A military service will be held at 1:30 PM on March 24, 2026 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Alamo Funeral Chapels 624 N Alamo St., San Antonio TX 78215.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his kindness, generosity, and love of life.  
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# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

MAR 24. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ I met Jim in 1986 when we formed the local MG (car) club - the Alamo MG Association. He was a wonderful, affable person who I enjoyed being around. We'll miss seeing him driving his red MG TD.

G. F. 'Mat' Matecko - May 03 at 02:19 PM

JE

“ Jim will be sorely missed, not only by me, but by everyone who had contact with him. We first met as Freshman roommates at A&M in 1949, and have been like Brothers ever since. I remember many instances such as: Him sending me a Pool Cue during his first deployment in Japan (It was stolen in transit), Babysitting in Victoria so that He and Bettye could go out, visiting him in Orlando and in Dover, And after retirement, many visits and lunches. I have so many memories that it is impossible to share all of them in this short space. Jim, my Brother, I love you and this old world will not be the same without you. Jack Evans

Jack Evans - March 21 at 05:10 PM

DB

“ Daniel Barrientos purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of James A. Earl III.



Daniel Barrientos - March 20 at 11:10 AM

RB

“ i'm so sorry for your loss, Jim was a wonderful man, i will forever be grateful for the love and friendship he showed my mom. i have wonderful memories of the two of them at my house for Christmas, and the cruises we went on together. He will be missed so much and by so many. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
- Roxann Brehmer

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**Roxann Brehmer** - March 18 at 07:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James A. Earl III.



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March 15 at 01:41 AM

BG

“ We are so sorry that Jim passed away. He was a lovely man and he made my sister Berthas life so much fun by traveling all over the world. He will be missed. Betty griffin

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**betty griffin** - March 14 at 05:48 PM