



## James (Jim) Forrest Gantt

December 21, 1934 - December 18, 2018

James Forrest Gantt (Jim) went to be with Our Lord peacefully on December 18, 2018 with his loving wife Rebecca and his loving daughters Vickie and Brenda by his side. Jim was born on December 21, 1934 in Wagener, South Carolina, where he was raised.

At the age of 20, he joined the Air Force and did eight years of service as a helicopter mechanic. After leaving the Air Force, he made Texas his home. Jim had a love of cars, boats, motorcycles and golf. After the military, he worked for a brief time at Southwest Research. He then decided to own his own business and owned a Texaco station and a Gulf station, a towing business and a U-Haul rental service. He loved race cars and worked on the weekends in a pit crew for several years, going to the car races every Saturday night. His love of cars eventually took him to North Park Lincoln Mercury in 1978, where he was Make Ready Manager until 1999, when he became Used Car Coordinator. He retired in 2009. He enjoyed his time there immensely and made many friends.

Jim also had a big love of fishing. He spent many, many years fishing the Gulf at Port Aransas with great friends, owning several boats, fishing in tournaments and catching a lot of fish! He also loved playing golf and had many, many golfing adventures and friends. On May 5, 2000, he married his loving wife Rebecca. Jim and Rebecca traveled a lot of miles through many

states on their beloved motorcycle. They enjoyed their wonderful 18 years together. Jim had many, many friends, was fun-loving, big-hearted and never knew a stranger. He was so loved and will be very missed – our gentle giant.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rebecca, his daughters, Vickie Hildebrandt and Brenda Smith and her husband John; Elizabeth Vela; Jennifer Christian and husband Chad; his grandchildren Shanon Beam, Holly Hildebrandt, Courtney Taylor, Kellie Taylor, Corbin Smart, Logan Valdes, Hayden and Abby Christian, and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Larry Gantt and his wife Virginia, and his brother-in-law Dave Dennis. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Dennis.

A public viewing will be held on December 26 at Mission Park North Funeral Home from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a service immediately following. He will have a military burial at Fort Sam National Cemetery on December 27 at 10:15 a.m., with a procession leaving the funeral home at 9:45 a.m.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC **26**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
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San Antonio, TX 78230  
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## Procession

DEC **27**. 9:45 AM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78230  
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## Graveside Service

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DEC 27. 10:15 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Forrest Gantt.*



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December 25, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ *Madelyn Sauer lit a candle in memory of James (Jim) Forrest Gantt*



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**Madelyn Sauer** - December 20, 2018 at 11:03 AM