



James Edwin Womack

December 20, 2014

James Edwin Womack, resident of Albuquerque for over 55 years, passed away peacefully at his home on December 20, 2014. Jim was a fighter pilot and attorney at law, who lived a life of 82 years, and cut a wide swath. Born in Carlsbad, New Mexico on September 20, 1932, he grew up with cowboys on his father's ranches, and graduated high school from Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, Texas, enrolling at the age of 11. Jim met the love of his life at 17, and married Jeannie Crowe in 1953, the same day he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. After serving as an F-86 fighter pilot in after-war Korea, and then Japan, Jim and Jeannie made their life in Albuquerque, where Jim completed his Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctor at the University of New Mexico in 1961. He was a founding member of the UNM Law Review and clerked for the NM District Court and NM Supreme Court. While attending UNM, Jim joined the New Mexico Air National Guard, and was a proud member of the 188th Tactical Fighter Squadron and the 150th Tactical Fighter Group. He flew the F-80, F-100 and A-7 with the "Tacos" for over 30 years, and deployed as part of a one-year combat tour in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Silver Star for his valor. He was known throughout his Guard career as "Schultz" - a callsign he received on his first cross-country with the unit. Jim "Schultz" Womack flew single-seat, single engine fighter aircraft until he retired in December of 1987. He held many command positions, retiring as Chief of Staff for the NMANG, with the rank of Brigadier General, which he wore as a mission-ready pilot for

over five years. In addition to his Guard career, Jim actively practiced law in Albuquerque as a business and real estate attorney for 34 years, retiring from his practice in 1995. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carroll L. Womack, MD; loving wife Jeannie C. Womack; brother, Carroll L. Womack II; and beloved son, James E. Wommack II. He is survived by his daughter, Julie Wommack Brown and husband Lavell; daughter Jenifer Jannakos and husband Mark; and son Jordan Wommack and wife Debbie. Jim is also survived by his granddaughter and a grandson-in-law, Katherine Brown Langston and husband Kevin, and grandchildren Carolyn Brown, Stephen, Michael, Matthew and Margaret Jannakos, and Stacey and Trevor Wommack. James was known for his loyalty, friendship, and ability to provide love, guidance and support to everyone in his life. His friendships lasted a lifetime, and his example will transcend generations. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. Services will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Lomas. Interment will take place on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11:15 a.m., at Santa Fe National Cemetery, and all are invited. In lieu of flowers, Schultz asked that those inclined give to the charity of their choice.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)
10500 Lomas Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 275-3500
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

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Committal Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *I knew Schultz in Vietnam. A fine gentleman and a true character. So sorry to hear of his passing. Godspeed, Jim.*

Jeff Dahn

jeff dahn - April 04, 2015 at 03:12 PM

 Kristin Cantrell

“ *Hi Womack Family,*

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad in December. Both of your parents meant so much to the whole Koran family. I have so many wonderful memories of you all. My condolences.

*Kristin Koran Cantrell
KristinECantrell@gmail.com*

Kristin Cantrell - March 25, 2015 at 12:49 PM

DW

“ *Jordy: our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. Your Dad was quite a guy and larger than life. Ed an Dianne Whitworth*

d Whitworth - January 08, 2015 at 12:13 PM

RH

“ *Jordy, Jennifer and Family. We are so very sorry to hear of your Father's passing. He was a great Fighter Pilot, outstanding Officer and a natural leader. His counsel, both professionally and on a personal level was invaluable. His greatest joy in life were all of you. He was first and foremost a family man. There never was a time when we flew together or visited over a beer when I did not take something very meaningful from that moment. Our country, our military, and our communities are better today from the experience of knowing Shultz. He was the best of the best and will be missed.*

Robert "Beak" and Debbie Hulsman

Robert Hulsman - January 01, 2015 at 05:27 PM

RR

“ *Jordy and Womack Family,*

I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family at this time of grieving.

Robert "Koolkat" Rede

Robert J. Rede - December 29, 2014 at 12:13 PM

VJ

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was an exceptional individual and his legacy will live for generations. He led a life of significance and impacted many lives.*

Vic Jury - December 28, 2014 at 11:13 AM

JB

Vic, so good to hear from you- my brother recently posted a picture on FaceBook of the airplane posted you helped make to welcome my dad when he came home from Vietnam- so many fond memories!

Julie Wommack Brown - December 28, 2014 at 06:24 PM

RC

*Jordy And Family,
I'm sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family.
Rudy Chavez
USMC*

Rudy Chavez - January 04, 2015 at 11:40 AM

SH

“ Julie, Jennifer, and Jordy you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Your parents were so very good to me through the years and they will be missed.

Sue Stringer Hancock - December 26, 2014 at 03:10 PM

JH

“ Jordy, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how close you and your Dad were. I'm not in town right now but if I can find a Schlitz where I'm at I'll tip one back in memory of a great fighter pilot. You and your family hang in there. "Gus" Harris

Joel Harris - December 25, 2014 at 07:12 AM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know you have a lifetime of beautiful memories to give some comfort at this time. He was a wonderful man. Peace.

Janice Collins Houle - December 24, 2014 at 10:21 AM

JH

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Janice Collins Houle - December 24, 2014 at 10:21 AM

SB

Jim and Jeannie were wonderful, loyal friends back in the day. My late husband, Garth was a flying buddy of Jim and had only the highest respect and admiration for him. Loving thoughts with you now and always.

Susan Blakely

Susan Blakely - December 31, 2014 at 12:50 AM

TE

Jordy I am sorry I never met your father and to talk about our mutual friend Nolan. We could share some great stories. One of my other best friend Sammy Hallmark was at peacock at the same time as your dad. May he rest in peace. William Troy Edwards

Troy Edwards - January 01, 2015 at 11:18 AM

GS

“*Jordy, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. From our days at NMMI and UNM you have carried on the best of what he gave you, love, loyalty, dedication and perseverance. I am seeing you instill those same traits in your children, family and friends. I have much appreciated being a small part of the Womack family for many years. You and your family are in our prayers and even more so now. May God comfort and bless you now and in the future.*

Greg J Shamas

Greg J Shamas - December 24, 2014 at 08:25 AM

JW

“*Julie I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

jerri wright - December 24, 2014 at 08:17 AM

ML

“ For the Womack family our condolences at this time. We are so sorry that it had to happen at this time of the year. May the prayers and thoughts of love help guide you all through this very sad time. The Lovato family here in Seattle , Washington. Lawrence Lovato Viet Nam Vet sends a special salute for your Father. AMEN



Mr.&Mrs. Lawrence B. Lovato - December 24, 2014 at 06:52 AM

RL

“ Dear Womack clan,
I am privileged to say that I got to know General and Mrs. Womack just a little bit while assigned to the Tacos from 1993 to 2003. I had the pleasure of enjoying their company while attending some of Jordy and Debbie's get-togethers. They made me feel like family from the very first time we met. They were both clearly great role models and mentors to their children and grand children. They are certainly missed by all of us who knew them.
I am confident that they are again enjoying each other's company in heaven, along with their relatives and friends who have preceded them.

Rest easy sir. You've served us well and helped us all stand a little taller by sharing your infectious love for our country. You were an inspiration to us all.

*Ron Lesch
Lt Col (Ret) FLANG*

Ron Lesch - December 23, 2014 at 11:28 PM

RD

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting you. I've only heard the legends from a son who was very loyal to you, and shared all of your virtues from time to time with me, who considers him like a Brother, after our chance meeting almost 10 years ago through our mutual close friend Greg Rumbaugh. I've heard snippets about the rest of the family ever since. It is with the joy of knowing that this man so close to you, lived a great and wonderful, complete life, and has gone on to a very just reward, and the sadness that he is gone, and making memories has found recess, for a time, for all of you that I pray that the gap will be bridged, sorrow held to a minimum by such wonderful memories, and joy will be reached at every turn, knowing that this man, your mentor and guiding light, lived such a complete and wonderful life. God Bless You All!



Rob Drobek and Family!

Rob Drobek - December 23, 2014 at 09:21 PM

RG

“ As the Active Duty ANG Adviser 1980-1983, I got to know Jim and Jeannie fairly well. Will never forget the years, even after that tour, attending the famous New Years parties they frequently hosted. And I'll never forget that General "Schulz" was my wingman for my last flight in a jet fighter in the early spring of 1983. It was the "grand tour" of colorful southern Colorado, and the Rio Grande valley and Sandia Crest on the way home.

Thanks for being the perfect wingman that day, Jim.

R. Medley Gatewood, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)

Robert Medley Gatewood - December 23, 2014 at 06:09 PM

RS

“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Richard T. Stewart - December 23, 2014 at 04:09 PM



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Jordy Wommack - December 23, 2014 at 01:44 PM

GF

So sorry for your loss Jordy. You had a good and loving dad. He was so nice to us when we met him. What a neat man. Our sympathies are with you and your family. Greg and Sue

greg and sue fleming - December 23, 2014 at 03:06 PM

RR

Schultz was the 'Real Deal' and a presence larger than life. He impacted so many and was a role model to all. Generously sharing his wisdom and aviation experience. It was a privilege to fly with him and count him as a treasured friend.

Rocket and Paula Radtke - December 24, 2014 at 08:20 AM

RS

My deepest sympathies to all Wommack's especially Jordan, the entire family was inseparable , close and caring when I a regular @ their home. The most gracious of hosts to every one . I am certain only good things are to come after this passing & the unfortunate many that preceded this one !

Richard Strange - December 28, 2014 at 08:09 PM



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Jordy Wommack - December 23, 2014 at 01:42 PM