



James "Chip" Robert Kearns

March 20, 1947 - January 12, 2019

James "Chip" Robert Kearns, age 71 of Irwin passed away Saturday, January 12, 2019. He was born March 20, 1947 in Braddock, a son of the late Robert and Phyllis (Dugan) Kearns. He was highly decorated Army veteran that served with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam and the 11th and 19th Special Forces Groups. After retiring from the Army, he continued to serve his country for the next 11 years as a civilian contractor for the Department of Defense in different military roles in Iraq and Afghanistan including the Director of Security and Intelligence in Afghanistan. He was a member of the VFW Post 781 in Irwin, Special Forces Association, Delta Raiders, Herminie Sportsmans Club and the McKeesport Sportsmans Club. He is survived by his wife Pamela "Pam" Kearns; children James Joseph Kearns of Irwin and Nicole (Paul) Stephenson of Waynesburg; grandchildren Trevor, Morgan and Trent Stephenson and Alex Kearns; brothers Robert (Kathy) Kearns of Franklin Square, New York and Richard (Pam) Kearns of Trafford; and sisters Lorraine (David) Mosser of Heath, Ohio and Christine (Marco) Bartoluzzi of Trafford; and many nieces and nephews. Friends and family will be received from 1 till time of service at 6 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. Bruce Judy officiating at the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. Everyone is invited to the VFW Post 781 in Irwin after the service for food and fellowship. Those wishing to participate in procession to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will gather at the funeral home at 9:15 a.m. Thursday. The scheduled interment with military honors will take place at the

cemetery located at 1158 Morgan Road in Bridgeville at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org or the All But Furgotten Animal Rescue, 70 Carpenter Lane, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Please find out about All But Furgotten Animal Rescue at <http://www.facebook.com/AllButFurgotten/>. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

National Cemtery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
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Service

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James "Chip" Robert Kearns

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ James "Chip" Robert Kearns

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

“ *During the time I served with Jim, he was always upbeat, focused and professional in and out of uniform. He was a great soldier and brother in arms. I will post here for the family that which I posted for all on facebook when I learned of his passing. He will be remembered and his loss is yet another painful chapter in the soul of our brotherhood:*

The Gathering Place

*Our lives portend a journey
From our birth unto our death
A tangled web of experiences
Creating the map of our bequeath.*

*The roads we travel are many
Some short and others long,
Twisted and broken, straight and narrow
Some recorded in verse or song.*

*The tales we weave are epic
When shared within our fold
The deeds achieved... historic
And the memories never grow old.*

*The Elysian Fields are found by some
Valhalla's halls others may share
And Hades gates from the river Styx
As the boatman takes his fare.*

*No matter what we call it,
Our mythos is our goal
It's the hall of deeds and legends...
A place where we all go.*

*Our brothers go before us...
To that place from history past*

*A place known only to warriors,
A place to rest at last.*

*The songs become the legends
For our brotherhood to embrace
And when the reaper comes a calling
We meet at the gathering place.*

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CW3 Retired Thomas Gluzinski - January 17, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Chip" Robert Kearns.*



January 16, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *To Chip: May the Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you for the service and sacrifices you made for us. To the Kearns Family: May God give you strength in this moment and in the days ahead. Rest In Peace Chip on your journey home.
With deepest sympathy,
Teri (McGuire) & Michael Loadman*

Teri (McGuire) & Michael Loadman - January 16, 2019 at 08:28 AM

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“ Pam and Family, My deepest sympathy to all of you during this time. Jim was an amazing man and I am grateful to him and all of you for the sacrifices you made, so he could help keep us safe and free. I wish I could be there in person to pay my last respects. I will be with you in spirit and prayer. God bless, may Jim rest in peace.

Pam Zeiber - January 15, 2019 at 07:06 PM

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“ With Love and Prayers, Your Amedisys Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Chip" Robert Kearns.



With Love and Prayers, Your Amedisys Family - January 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

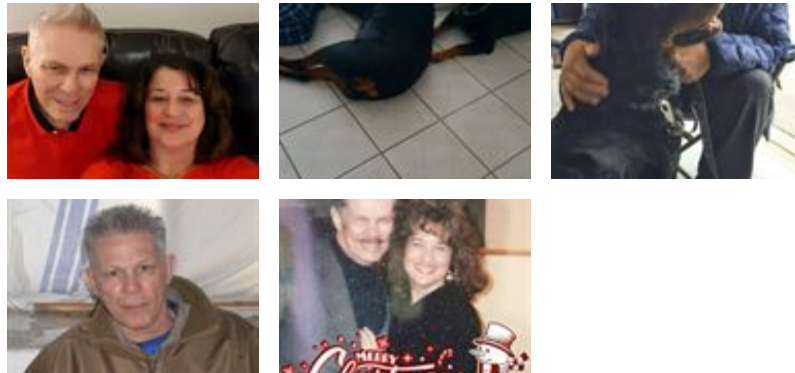
RR

“ ODA965 Operation Joint Guardian , Operation Desert Spring...You will be missed Team Sergeant. RIP DOL Kojak

Robert Rose - January 15, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



William Snyder Funeral Home - January 15, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ Sending love to Chip's family. What an amazing love story you had Pam. We share that, don't we? So sorry we now share the loss. Here for you always. Love you! Many angels we now have looking over us❤️

Lisa Charletta - January 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ I'm very, very sorry for your loss! Jim was an outstanding Soldier! He would be very proud of the word "Soldier" because that was what he was to us ! Rest In Peace my friend! DOL....Ralph Kuhn

Ralph Kuhn - January 14, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ A true friend, mentor and warrior!

Walter Dess - January 14, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of James "Chip" Robert Kearns.



January 14, 2019 at 03:18 PM