



James Martin Maples

March 6, 1946 - August 15, 2019

James Martin Maples, 73, of Toledo, Ohio passed away August 15th, 2019. He was born March 6, 1946 in Scottsboro, Alabama. James was the son of James C. Maples and Rose (Houck) Maples.

James served in the Air Force from 1964 – 1968 during the Vietnam War. James worked at Flight Safety International for 25 years as a Corporate Jet pilot, FAA Examiner, and Flight and Simulator Instructor. James was an avid elk hunter. He loved going elk hunting in the Flat Tops in Meeker, Colorado. He was a life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, and North American Hunting Club. James loved planting a garden every year.

James is survived by his loving wife of almost 54 years, Billie Maples; daughter Alicia Ann Maples of Scottsboro, Al.; son William Carrington Maples of Toledo, Ohio; grandchildren Amanda Phillips, Jonathan Phillips, Amber Phillips of Scottsboro, Alabama, Madisynn Maples of Toledo, Ohio; great grandchildren Tray Phillips, Tiya Phillips, Joshua Phillips, Kashton Phillips of Scottsboro, Al.; sister Rosalie (Maples) Denham of Hattiesburg, MS; sister in laws Rachel (James) Turner, Peggy (Doug) Drews, and Elizabeth (Alan) Wayne.

Friends and family may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Monday, August 19th from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Service

AUG 19. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ Jimmy saved my life. Billie and Jimmy took me and my sister, Peggy, horseback riding when I was around 10 years old, maybe younger. I had never ridden a horse. Everything was calm and fun until at the end of the trail my horse apparently saw his barn and was ready to get there. It felt like my horse was going 100 mph across a field that looked 100 miles long to my young mind. I started slipping to the side of the horse. My first instinct was to look back for Jimmy to help me. And he was already riding toward me so fast! Looked like the Lone Ranger to me. He caught my horse and stopped it of course. I was so thankful he was the hero cowboy that day. I will never forget that vision of him gaining on my horse and stopping it.

He also taught me. He was flying me and Peggy back from Oklahoma. I was in the copilot's seat and he was teaching me how to find a runway. Long story short...not wanting to but I finally had to admit to him that I could not see over the front of the plane. Rest in peace.

Elizabeth Wayne - August 19, 2019 at 03:42 PM

DD

“ Billie and Family,
Our hearts are so very sad for you and your loss.

Billie, you and your Sisters have always been an important part of our life through both happy times and sad times. We regret that we cannot be there to share this time with you but please know that we are sending love and prayers to you.

Much love,
Debbie and Harold Downs

Debbie Downs - August 19, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Martin Maples.*



August 19, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Martin Maples.*



August 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *To Billie and the family, I am very sorry. First Eric Crook and now Jimmy. Thanks for everything that you did for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.*

James Wagner - August 19, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Martin Maples.*



August 19, 2019 at 07:44 AM

GS

“ *Gene and Maureen Schumacher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Martin Maples.*



Gene and Maureen Schumacher - August 18, 2019 at 10:04 PM

WM

“ *My dad was the greatest influence in my life. He didnt tell me how to be a man, all i had to do was watch him and learn. He took great pride in everything he did. Watching him and my mother over the years showed me how a marriage was supposed to be. His family was the most important thing in the world to him. I will continue to try to make him proud as i know he will be watching over us. I will miss you dad.*

William Maples - August 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM

GK

James (Jimmy to me) was my best friend in elementary school before I moved away. We played in the woods and in his Dad's Cotten mill. Smoked rabbit tobacco and just generally had a great time. Really sorry hear hear of his passing.

Gaston Kent - August 25, 2019 at 11:12 AM

PD

“ *Billie, my sister, told me probably over 50 years ago the story of how Jimmy first asked her for a date. I have always remembered it. So, this is it: Billie was in the library at Scottsboro High School where they both attended. Jimmy was also there. Jimmy wrote a note and passed it across the room until it got to Billie. She opened it and it said, "Will you go on a date with me?" She wrote back, "I do not accept dates on paper!" She sent the note to him. When the bell rang for the next class, Jimmy ran over to her and asked her for a date. She said, "yes". As a young girl, I thought this was the most romantic story I had ever heard!*

Peggy

Peggy H Drews - August 18, 2019 at 09:02 AM

DM

“ *Doug, Peggy, William, Michael purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Martin Maples.*



Doug, Peggy, William, Michael - August 18, 2019 at 08:47 AM

AW

“ *Alan and Elizabeth Wayne purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Martin Maples.*



Alan and Elizabeth Wayne - August 16, 2019 at 08:48 PM