



PFC James R. Maxwell

February 20, 1957 - May 15, 1975

James R. Maxwell, age 18, passed away May 15, 1975 off the coast of Cambodia, while serving his country in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam Conflict. He was born February 20, 1957, in Memphis, Tennessee, a son of William "Lindbergh" and Ula Mae Louise Maxwell. PFC Maxwell was involved in the "Mayaguez Incident" in 1975, in which a Marine Corp helicopter was shot down off the coast of Cambodia. After many years of extensive military effort, PFC Maxwell and others remains were located at various times over the past few months.

Current survivors include his brothers, Paul and Gary Maxwell and sisters Patricia Cates and Janie Estes, all four of Center Ridge.

Funeral services with full Military Honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30th at Mt. View Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Woolverton Mountain Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, the 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *PFC James R. Maxwell*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We are praying for your family and Thanking God that a Hero has come home.*

Sharon Wilson - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *How many times over the years I have thought of this young man. At last he is at home and at rest. He gave his life that we might all be free and for that we are forever grateful. God bless you all.*

Alice Riedmueller - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *I have thought of this fine young man many times over the years, and touched his name when I visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Welcome home Marine. Semper Fi!*

Bill Mitchell - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *I did not personally know you , but I was on the same mission as a Bomb Disposal Tech USAF SSgt. I was part of the initial Boarding party on the Mayaguez. God bless and Welcome Home!!*

Harold Young - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

KT

“ Welcome home our AMERICAN HERO! Thanks for your service and sacrifice for our freedom. We pray God will give your family comfort, peace and closure during this difficult season. ---Psalm 121-- Pottsville, AR.

Kathy and Kenneth Taylor - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

LM

“ glad your home

Leslie morgan - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

BM

“ Prayers and thoughts to the family.

Brad Marx - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

S(

“ James served his country with pride and because of his sacrifice the Crew of the Mayaguez were able to return home to their families. I have thought of him and the other 17 every day since the battle.

Stephen J. Poore (HM3) - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CU

“ Thank you so much for serving our country!

Cindy Upchurch - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

ST

“ I didn't know him personally, but was on the mission. I wish my dearest condolences to the family. We are all saddened by what occurred, but are greatly appreciative of his service to our country and corps. There are no words of comfort other than what God has already given us. A Promise of Life to come. He is with the Master now and at peace. Thank You for your Sacrifices.
Sincerely, Steven A. Berger, SFC(RET), US Army.

Steven - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

GM

“ To the family of PFC Maxwell. I am a rider with the Patriot Guard the last couple of years and while I find that all of these soldiers are heroes of the highest degree, those brought back to become one with the soil of their birth hit me the hardest. It is the greatest honor I receive when I'm able to stand for these magnificent models of patriotism. It saddens me to know I won't be able to make this one. I WILL be there in spirit and PFC. Maxwell will be on my mind and heart this Thursday. I'm proud that there will be others that will be there for him, probably some I've ridden with before and that helps. Know this, that a total stranger to you and him will be very happy to know that now his soul may rest in the comfort of his beloved Oklahoma with family and friends in attendance. I thank him for his service and what he has always meant to those that care for him. God bless his soul, his family, his country and the Marine Corps. Thank you for your time,
Gary D. Manning
P.S.
I just noticed he was born three months before me, on the same day.

Gary D. Manning - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CC

“ Thank you, PFC Maxwell, for your service and sacrifice. I hope the family has peace that he's returned home.

Cory Cox - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

WJ

“ It has been my honor to wear PFC Maxwell's MIA bracelet for nearly 30 years. I am thrilled to hear the news that he has been returned home. Welcome home brother. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Semper Fi

Willard Joder - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CS

“ We mourn your great loss. May this fallen hero finally rest in peace. We greatly appreciate his service to our Country. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

CW3 USArmy Ret. Warren & Leta Carr Stroud - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

SH

“ Thank you for all you did!

Shannon - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ On behalf of the Marine Corps, and a grateful nation, please accept our appreciation for your loved one's service to Country and Corps. I will be praying for the family during this difficult time. Semper Fi!

June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

FW

“ *May God wrap His loving arms around his family and may they find closure and maybe just a little bit of peace now that he has made it back home. My husband was in the Marines from 71-75. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Fay Womack

Fay Womack - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

Jl

“ *Thanking such a brave soldier who gave the ultimate gift to help keep our nation free. Very glad he will finally be laid to rest on American soil.*

Jill - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

JP

“ *It is never too late to honour our loved ones for the sacrifices they make on behalf of their family, friends, and a Nation.*

May the family understand we are both saddened and honoured by the sacrifice PFC Maxwell made.

Know our hearts and our condolences go out to you.....but always know we are equally delighted he is finally home....

Blessings to you allThank you James for your sacrifice ...for a grateful Nation.

Jacqueline Parris, daughter of a Navy Viet Nam Vet.....

Jacqueline Parris - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

DP

“ I was in Morrilton today when they brought him home.....Praise God he is now being laid to rest at home...I know it has to feel good to finally have some closure. I appreciate him for his sacrifice so we can have freedom, and I appreciate his family who supported him. God Bless you all

Dianne Prince - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

JC

“ Our Daughter Katherine Ann Keko wore the bracelet for him. She was killed in a car accident in 1992 at 24 yrs old. I looked for the bracelet this morning but can't find it. We see it often and think of your son. James is retired Marine. So sorry for your loss. Glad you son is home with our Lord and his human remains back in AR.
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James & Nancy Clark - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

TS

“ Thank you!!!

T.L. and Jennifer Starr - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CT

“ It was a great honor to be part of the escort to the funeral home on 8-28. The honor and respect shown by the people of Morrilton brought tears to my eyes and a lump in my throat. Welcome home, Brother. Semper Fi.

Calvin Terry - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

RG

“ PFC James R. Maxwell made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and I am extremely grateful for his service to our nation. He will now receive the homecoming and burial he earned and deserves. Rest in peace.

Rep. Tim Griffin - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

MQ

“ When we were kids growing up in Center Ridge, my brother Jimmy and I lived about 1/2 mile from Ricky's home. He was always quite and sweet until you made him mad then he'd let loose. We've all missed him all these years and speak of him often. I know this will bring some closure for his family but I know they will always wish he could have just stayed in Center Ridge, next door to his Mom and grown old with the rest of us. I thank you Boots, for the great sacrifice you made for our country. My prayers are with all his family.

Mary Moore Quarles - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

BO

“ Thank God you have your family together. A family is not a family with one missing. I pray your family is at peace and your loved one is smiling as he spreads his wings !!

Bonnie - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

ST

“ I did not know PFC Maxwell or any of his family. I heard about his supreme sacrifice on the news & wanted to recognize him as the HERO he is. I thank God that he has been returned to his family. God Bless all of you for sharing his story with us.

SR Turner - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

AF

“ To the James R. Maxwell Family,
It was my honor to meet you and stand beside the earthly remains
of a Marine brother. May the peace of God which passes all
understanding and the knowledge that James was brought home to
his native Arkansasan soil give you rest. His fellow brothers at
Marine Corps League detachment #1310 want to say 'Semper Fi'
and welcome home...!

Allen Farley USMC 1986-1990
Charlie Battery 1/12

Allen Farley - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

JA

“ Thank you for your service and welcome home! God speed.

James - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

SB

“ My brother was honored to be one of the riders with the Patriot
Guard who escorted Pfc. James R. Maxwell to his final resting
place. I was honored by his being able to be there in my place. If I
could have, I would have been there as well.

I know words cannot express your loss, but at least you are able to
experience some closure now. Please accept my condolences and
thanks for his service to our country.

In the service of the King of Kings, Jesus, the Christ, the
Resurrection and the Life, the Bright and Morning Star!

Stephen Brandt

Stephen Brandt - June 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *RIP James Maxwell your sacrifice is not forgotten. Welcome home and Semper Fi!*

August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you for your service to our country.*

August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Today I had the honor of visiting a brother I lost 37 years ago. I was shot down in the chopper next to Ricky. Watching todays honors for a true hero left my heart full of mixed emotions. I only wish I could find the words to explain.*

To Ricky's family. You are loved and we are always here for you. ww w.kohtang.com

Larry Barnett - March 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *JAMES IM SO PROUD YOU SERVED OUR COUNTRY!MY HEART BREAKS FOR YOUR MOMS LOSS AT THE TIME FINALLY HOME HERE ,MY SON IS A MARINE TOO TO ALL YOUR FAMILY KNOW HE IS IN HEAVEN ALWAYS HE WAITS FOR US,SILENT ANGEL patriot guard*

SANDY NEIGHBORS - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Semper Fi*

Bill Harris - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *from the start to the finish of the conflict in Vietnam once a Marine always a Marine*

fred hill - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Semper FI Marine!!!Rest In Peace You have done you part thank you!!!*

Bill Hartman - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Welcome home Ricky it has been 37 years, you may have been out of our sight, but you were never forgotten.*

May you now rest in peace after all of these years, and now your family can as well knowing you are home finally.

*Semper Fidelis
G Co. 2/9 1975
Al Mahan*

Al Mahan - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I knew James in 74 before he shipped out and later found out he was killed in action but had no idea he never came home. I knew him as Roger, his death was the reason I joined the Corp's. Please accept my condolence's and prayer's for your family. I'm positive this is the young man I knew from the Center Ridge area,I was new to the area and he made me feel at home in my new inviorment,it's been many year's but I think I still remember where the cemetery is and my wife and I plan on making a trip to that area soon, I wish I had heard sooner. Time has erased a lot of my memmory's but his has alway's been one that came back to me many time during my life. God Bless and maybe I will be able to look some family up if I may.

Thomas Barber - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ the longer I think the more clear my memory becomes, Ricky was the young man I knew, Roger was another from that time in my life.I hope a family member read's this, one of the guy's that introduced me to him was Ricky john Brewer, I called him John just to agravate him, Ricky called me Yankee because I had just moved from Indiana to Formosa just up the road from where he lived. If any family would like to contact me my email add is. tebarber56_@yaho o.com thank you

Thomas Barber - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My son was one of the Marines who helped at his service. My heart goes out to your family. May God and his angels watch over your family. Semper Fidelis.

DebbienTyree - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM