



## James T. Edwards, Jr.

December 6, 1943 - May 17, 2011

Captain James T. Edwards, Jr., USNR, 67, of Concord, CA passed away May 17, 2011 in John Muir Medical Center.

A native of Spartanburg County, SC, son of the late James T. and Clara Edwards, formerly of Lyman, SC is survived by his sisters, Joyce L. Andresen (Andy) of Newnan, GA; JoElin Gaffney of Wellford, SC; Janet Hill (Terry) of Chapin, SC; and Jayne Stevens of Tega Cay, SC; and two nephews and four nieces.

He was predeceased by one nephew, Adam Stevens.

Mr. Edwards was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Navy and was awarded many medals: among them, The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnam service medal, 11 air strike medals, Navy Commendation Medal, and various campaign and service medals.

He was self-employed and had successful mortgage brokerage and real estate investment businesses. He was an avid gun enthusiast winning many marksmanship awards and enjoyed all forms of racing. He was a graduate of Clemson University.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held after the service at the cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Graveside

## Visitation

MAY 25. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Wood Memorial Park  
863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Edwards Family, we are all saddened by the loss of your brother. I had the pleasure of knowing and flying many hours with JT all over the world and knew him to be a competent aviator and a great person. JT was a consummate professional and respected leader in the Naval Aviation community who will be dearly missed. JT will live on in our memories. “To fly West, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check” ... Rest well my friend. Charlie Gore##imported-begin##Charle Gore##imported-end##

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May 25, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Anchors aweigh, my friend of 55 years. It was a long journey from Mrs. Leonard's 7th grade class where I first met you to the present. Godspeed to your next port of call!##imported-begin##Ed Green##imported-end##

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May 25, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ I graduated high school with Jim and started Clemson the same time he did. He and I met up one time in Viet Nam. We also got together several years ago when he came to visit his parents. I thought a lot of Jimmy and am really sorry to hear about his passing.##imported-begin##Jackie Atkins##imported-end##

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May 25, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ J.T. was a dear and much respected friend, and a skilled and dedicated Naval flight Officer. It was a great honor to have had J.T. in my command in Tactical Electronics Squadron 308. His extreme competence and professionalism were two of his of his many commendable traits. We shared some pleasant times at the O Club where we enjoyed varried discussions, many about autos. I was usually left in envy over his imaculate XKE Jag. Farewell dear Friend, Tad###imported-begin## Tad H. Bingham CAPT, USN (RET)###imported-end##

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May 25, 2011 at 01:43 AM



“ To all of JT's family and friends,

*I'm another of JT's squadron mates from our A3 days. I also shared an A6 background before joining the A3 community so we had a lot in common.*

*He and I flew together on my first A3 WestPac trip. He was invaluable in aiding me in transitioning to a new aircraft and, much more than that, the camaraderie over that two week period traveling around Asia was something that few outside the military ever get to know.*

*He was a great guy and will be sorely missed.*

*BB McGee###imported-begin##BB McGee###imported-end##*

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May 24, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ Dear Andy, JoElin, Terry, Jayne and all of your families,  
Just a few thoughts on which to reflect from a good friend of J.T.'s  
from his time VAQ and later VAK-308. We were squadron mates for  
many years, and those of us who knew him were saddened to learn  
of his passing. We traveled to the Orient, Europe and cruised on  
now long gone carriers. We enjoyed more local jaunts during an era  
when the average military member was able to be more relaxed.  
Throughout the more enjoyable days and the more harrowing ones,  
J.T. was always composed, confident and when the occasions  
called for it, chuckling, albeit at times with well-mannered restraint.  
He was gifted in his ability to make a point with few words, and I for  
one appreciated his presence in the squadron. May it comfort you to  
know, I for one will be praying for him as I reflect upon the good  
people our Lord has brought into my life. Dan Kalashian###imported-  
begin##Dan Kalashian###imported-end##

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May 24, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ Thank you.###imported-begin##Janet Edwards Hill###imported-  
end##

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May 23, 2011 at 06:16 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our  
prayers.###imported-begin##George and Julie Anderson###imported-  
end##

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May 23, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ I was one of Jim's classmates and friends at Byrnes. I remember his keen wit and his wonderful sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you with wonderful memories of him.##imported-begin##June Blasingame Beers##imported-end##

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May 23, 2011 at 01:12 PM



“ To the family: Please accept my deepest sympathies. It is my prayer that you take comfort in the promises of the scriptures during this difficult time. They promise that soon, God " Will actually swallow up death forever, and ...wipe the tears from all faces.." Isaiah 25:8##imported-begin##Evan Williams##imported-end##

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May 23, 2011 at 09:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to each of your families.##imported-begin##Kathy Merlette##imported-end##

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May 23, 2011 at 09:23 AM



“ I was a classmate of James' in Middle and High School. I remember him so well as being quiet but yet fun loving with his little mischevious smile. I am so sad to hear of his passing and you have my deepest sympathy. We were hoping to see him at our upcoming class reunion in October. Will keep you all in my prayers. Hope to see you at the service on Wednesday .##imported-begin##Betty Lynn##imported-end##

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May 23, 2011 at 08:48 AM



“ Dear Joyce,Joelin, Janet and Jayne, I was a classmate of Jims in Jr. High and High school . Eddie Green emailed a number of us about Jim and I wanted you to know that I am very sorry for your loss . I live in Rock hill near Jayne and wish I could make the service to meet you all and share some memories . Unfortunately , I will be away leaving tomorrow until late June. We were hoping to see Jim at our 50th reunion in Oct. I hope you have wonderful memories to help you through the loss . My deepest sympathies to all, Joan Byars Smith###imported-begin##Joan Byars Smith###imported-end##

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May 22, 2011 at 06:08 PM