



## James T. Digby

October 5, 1928 - May 22, 2021

James Thomas Digby was born on October 5th, 1928 in Chattanooga, TN. He passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2021 at his daughter's home in Kirtland, Ohio with his daughters and family at his bedside.

James was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force (USAF), proudly serving his country in Japan during the occupation. He was honorably discharged with a World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Ribbon.

He was in sales for 40 plus years for the Kirby Company at various locations throughout Northeastern Ohio and Trumbull County. He had a 'gift of gab' and a great sense of humor. He made a lot of lifelong friends throughout his career. He was one fine salesman in his day. He was an avid sports fan, with pro Hockey being his favorite. He loved horse racing and attended many events at Thistledowns. He was also a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns.

James enjoyed the simple things in life and was always willing to help those in need. He loved his Frank Sinatra music, peach pie, butter pecan ice cream and Kit Kat candy bars. He looked forward to Birthday and Holiday dinners surrounded by family and would splurge on strawberry daiquiris', rum & coke, seafood and desserts.

James' survivors include Brother, Robert (Betty) Meyer of Willoughby Hills, Brother, Joseph 'Bud' (Edith) Meyer of Florida and Sister, Mary Ellen (Jim) Padgett of North Carolina.

A dear father to Geri (Bob) McCloud, Pat Horgan, Cynthia (Philip) Cronmiller all of Kirtland. A special Papa to Stacy, Austin, Ashlyn and Aven Eppes of Kirtland and Chad Tomasik of Lakewood. James was blessed as Grandpa to Geri, Patty, Selena, Lori, Karen, Danny, Cherish and Shannon. He also had many dear Great Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

James was preceded in death by his daughter Linda J. Mahoney, Loving companion Carol Vujanic and his devoted 'fur kids', Amber and Riley.

A special thank you to his loving caregivers from Heavenly Helpers, Tina and Pam, they brightened his day. Also, to the Nurses, Clergy and Staff with Heartland Hospice who were supportive to Mr. Digby and family in his final days. He cherished his many dear friends at the Mary Rose Estates.

Graveside memorial services with Military Honors will be held on Saturday, July 10th, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Kirtland South Cemetery, 10444 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094. A family luncheon will follow the services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of James may be made to Lake Humane Society, 7564-E Tyler Boulevard, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Mentor, OH.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Kirtland South Cemetery

10444 Chillicothe Road  
Kirtland, OH 44094

# Previous Events

## Committal Service

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

 Shana  
Johnson

“ *I was his home health aide for two year and it was a great pleasure to have met him. Jim was a great man and was very easy to talk to and he will be greatly miss. To his family I'm so sorry for your loss and my deepest condolences. Love you Jim  
From Shana your aide*

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**Shana Johnson** - August 07, 2022 at 08:50 PM

CC

“ *Dad one year ago today I had to let you go. You had suffered enough. Patty followed shortly thereafter. This has been the hardest year of my life. Losing both of you has been almost to much to handle. I have felt so lost. My faith in god has got me through the difficult times. You are always in my heart and on my mind. Until my last breathe , I will be missing you!! From your daughter Cynthia. I love you Dad.*

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**cynthia Cronmiller** - May 22, 2022 at 12:05 AM

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“ *Cyndi Cronmiller lit a candle in memory of James T. Digby*



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**cyndi cronmiller** - October 05, 2021 at 09:57 AM

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“ To our Dad. Today on what would of been your 93rd birthday we celebrate you at one of your favorite places the Olive Garden with some of your favorite soup and a strawberry daquiri! A toast to you for all that you mean to us and all the memories we share. We love you and miss you so much! We will always be seeing you “In all the old familiar places”. Your loving Daughters , Cyndi and Geri.

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**cyndi cronmiller** - October 05, 2021 at 09:56 AM

MP

“ I was his baby sister and after the service he moved in with us. He took me to see Cinderella and bought me Gus Gus and his mouse friend pins. I still have Gus Gus. He went to Seattle Washington and brought me a beautiful wooden pin. He took me to the hockey game and to a brown's game. He gave me lobster for the first time. He bought me my first two wheel bicycle and showed me how to ride it.he left home at 30 to marry Dorothy and I missed him. We had all the holidays at Mother and Dads. I know you are with everyone now. You will always be in our hearts.

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**Mary Ellen Padgett** - June 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ My Uncle Jim. My fondness memories was to go to Painsville to visit him and my three beautiful cousins. Patty, Gerri and Cindy. They lived in a big old house were there were still red brick streets and a short walk to a old store that sold penny candy. I have such fond memories of warm summer nights and walking to that old store and coming back to that huge front porch and eating and sharing every piece of that Penny candy out of a little brown paper bag. What I hated and it will forever be in my memory is , my uncle Jim had a stubby beard that I swear you could grate potatoes on. He would grab me and my brother Bobby and Indian rub his cheek against ours. Oh boy how he would laugh to see how red he made our cheeks. Terrifying for a little kid but that is a memory today I would not ever want to forget. I loved him and I will always have fond memories of his humor and stories. Rest in peace uncle your nephew , Jeffrey

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Jeff meyer - June 07, 2021 at 05:49 PM

PA

“ The first time I met James I was told he couldn't hear well...I raised my voice for him to hear...he says, "why are you yelling at me?!" LOL it was hard me for me NOT to fall in love with him! He shared his love of baseball, horse racing & hockey... things I didn't know I would like. Loved hearing his taste of music... the Rat Pack and of course Frank Sinatra! I danced and sang many of the FS songs to him... before HIS PASSING...you could see it in face the music soothed him! I thank him all the memories I will always hold dear to my heart! I met a beautiful friend...His daughter... Cindy. I can't say enough about how amazing she is... my sincerest condolences go out to the family! Blessings, love & prayers are sent to you...James was very special...I have felt blessed and privileged to have known him! HE IS LOVED AND ALWAYS WILL BE NEAR!

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Pam - June 03, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JB

*Jim was my oldest brother, he was in the Army Airforce most of my younger days! I was 10yrs old when he got out! He was one of the best brothers you could ever ask for, took me to ball games,the circus! I regret I didn't make it From Florida in time to see and hug his neck and thank him! I pray that he was born again, so I will get to see him in heaven! I love you Jim,thank you for being a great brother 🥰👍*

Joseph A. (Bud) Meyer. Brother - June 07, 2021 at 05:38 PM

GM

*We all know how special our parents are, but do you know how special it was to have been chosen as their children? This is to pay tribute & honor to a man who chose 3 little girls as his daughters. Very few expect those who must have been kissed by God were happy to call someone else children his own. Sixty two of our lives being "Dad" yes and were proudly introduced us as his daughters. How do you pay tribute to a man like that? Our "Dad" was James t Digby and passed away May 2021, we miss you so much and the loss is great but you left us with so much in our hearts and you will forever be remembered as Dad. Love, your daughters Linda, Geri, Patty*

Geri Mccloud - August 20, 2021 at 06:48 PM