



## James T. Bledsoe

January 22, 2022

James T. Bledsoe, 76, of Houlton, ME, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2022 surrounded by his loving family in Newport RI.

He was the beloved husband of Nancy (Dubois) Bledsoe.

Born in Kemmerer, Wyoming, he was a son of the late George and Lois (Rosenberg) Bledsoe.

Besides his wife, he leaves his loving daughter Kari Reardon of Warren, RI, and two granddaughters Ally and Julia Reardon. He also leaves 3 grandchildren whom he helped raise in Houlton Maine, Kristopher (Charity) Albright, Kennedy (Nathaniel) Stoddard, and Katelynne Albright. As well as his beloved 3 great grandchildren, Ellie Jean, Kristopher Jr. and Jason Albright.

He was the brother of Kathy Bennett, and Becky (Jim) Burney of Wyoming, Ellen (Ron) Wedderburn, Crystal (David) Morgan and John (Terri) Bledsoe of California and the late George Bledsoe. His father in law Harold Dubois and step children Michele Stevens, Brandi Guy, Andrew Guy and their families

Jim was a Marine veteran of the Vietnam era, he was a retired Lieutenant of the RI State Police. Following retirement he later relocated to Maine where he became a member of the Masons and Elks Lodge #835 PER PDDGER. Jims family would like to extend a special thank you to the nursing staff at Newport Hospital for all of the care they gave him. A celebration of his life will be held later in the spring in Maine.

# Comments

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“ My condolences to the Bledsoe family. I first met Lieutenant Bledsoe at the Hope Valley Barracks which was my first duty Barracks. He was a Corporal at time, handling the Barracks prosecution duties. I was not assigned a Field Training Officer, and I remembering him noticing this, and taking me out on patrol. I made my first arrest with him. You were a great man and it was a honor to have known you. God Bless you Lieutenant.

Rob Cunniff

Rob Cunniff - January 29 at 12:11 PM

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“ My sympathies to the Bledsoe family. Jim was a great role model when I was starting my career with the RISP and I learned a great deal from him.  
Joe Miech RISP (Ret)

Joe Miech - January 29 at 10:48 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Bledsoe Family,  
  
He was a great friend, a better Trooper, thoughtful and caring dad. Rest in peace.

jerry prendergast RISP-Ret. - January 29 at 09:15 AM

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“ To the Bledsoe Family:  
Sorry for your loss. I shared a lot of laughs with Jim. God bless and Rest In Peace Jim. You were a great asset to the RISP and a great American.

Billy Eckert

Bill Eckert RISP RET - January 28 at 02:16 PM

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“ Jim was a fine man, Trooper, and human being. It was an honor to serve with him as a member of the R.I. State Police. May he rest in peace.

Respectfully  
Luigi Reali

**LUIGI REALI** - January 28 at 01:20 PM

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“ It was a pleasure to know and work with Jim. He was a gentleman.RIP



**Bob Pickett** - January 28 at 12:55 PM

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“ Jim was not only a good friend but I highly respected member of the Rhode Island state police. Rest in peace Jim



**Fred Johnson & Family** - January 28 at 11:34 AM

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“ RIP my friend , we had a lot of laughs . To Nancy , Kari and all of Jim's family, our heartfelt condolences . We will all miss him .  
Love from Dale and Jim Dougherty

**Jim Dougherty** - January 28 at 11:20 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Nancy

**Bill and Wilma Dobbins** - January 28 at 08:11 AM



“ A partner in the RISP , we joked a lot , Jim was a man's man and had a great heart. God Bless you brother and R I P

**Dick Lemoi, ret.RISP Lt.** - January 28 at 12:25 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with and for Jim. Yes, he truly was a highly respected member of the Rhode Island State Police. My condolences to his family and all that knew and loved Jim. "That is all drive on Jim".

**Artie Deschane** - January 28 at 02:06 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim. He was a great mentor and an individual greatly respected by his fellow Troopers. My deepest condolences to the Bledsoe family. Tony Pesare RISP (ret.)

**Tony Pesare** - January 28 at 02:14 PM



“ It was a pleasure to know Jim and work with him. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Bruce Bowie

**Bruce Bowie** - January 28 at 02:16 PM



“ Rest in peace Jim. It was a pleasure having known & worked with you. John Turner RISP (ret.)

**John Turner** - January 28 at 03:09 PM



“ Jim was a tireless worker and a dedicated member of the RISP.

He was very well respected by all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bledsoe family

**Bill McGarry** - January 28 at 03:34 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Bledsoe family. It was a pleasure to know and work with Jim. A gentleman. Rest In Peace Jim.

John O'Neil RISP (ret.)

**John O'Neil** - January 28 at 03:43 PM



“ I worked with and for Jim, and had the utmost respect for him as a person and a Trooper. He was always willing to offer his assistance, which I greatly appreciated. My condolences to his family.

Armand Bilodeau RISP (ret.)

**Armand Bilodeau** - January 28 at 03:49 PM



“ I also had the pleasure of working with Jimmy. A good man and good trooper. May he rest in peace

**Tim Fitzgerald** - January 28 at 06:49 PM



“ Jim:

You were a great Trooper and friend. May God be with you on your final patrol.

Chief Kenahan

**Sgt. Robert E. Kenahan, Ret. RISP #15** - January 28 at 07:27 PM



“ To the Bledsoe Family, Sorry for your lost. I worked with Jim and we had lots of laughs. He was a great man and a supper Trooper. Rest in peace Jim. And Thanks for your service to out country. Peter C. Edes Ret RISP.

**Peter C. Edes , Ret. Rhode Island State** - January 28 at 09:30 PM



“ As a young Trooper I had the privilege of being guided by Jim. He was an Officer and gentleman. He served our country, our citizens and his fellow Troopers. He truly cared deeply.

God love you Jim.

Michael Iarossi

**Michael Iarossi** - January 28 at 10:32 PM



“ My condolences to the Bledsoe Family. I first met Jim when I reported to the Hope Valley Barracks as a new Trooper. We soon discovered in speaking which each other that we both served in the US Marine Corps. I looked to him as a mentor in the eight years we served together with the RISP. His demeanor and professionalism were beyond reproach. After his retirement I always sought him him out at RISP social gatherings to catch up and to enjoy his friendship and warm smile. We will miss you Jim. May you rest in peace.

Jim Swanberg

**Jim Swanberg** - January 29 at 05:32 AM



“ My condolences to the Bledsoe Family, Lt. Bledsoe was a great man. I met Lt. Bledsoe my first day with RISP when I reported for duty to the Lincoln Woods Barracks. He was the patrol commander at the barracks and was a great example of a steady, calm, thoughtful leader. A number of times I saw this man jump in and help his troopers out during storms and other busy times. Throughout my career he would visit the Hope Valley Barracks when he was visiting his family in Rhode Island, and it was always refreshing to see him and catch up with him. Well, Rest In Peace Lieutenant, you were the real deal, and I hope I was able to honor you in my career.

**Stephen Flood** - January 29 at 07:57 AM



“ My condolences to the Bledsoe family, I first met him while I was stationed at the Lincoln Woods Barracks. He was an awesome supervisor and a great person. I remember speaking to him about his service in the Marine Corps and you could not help but respect him for his accomplishments and experience. Thank you sir for your service to your country, the RI State Police and to the State of Rhode Island. Rest in peace.

**Matthew Zarrella** - February 01 at 05:11 PM