



James D. Canada

February 1, 1939 - September 10, 2025

James D. Canada, 86 of Oxford, Alabama passed away on September 10, 2025, at Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander City, of Tallapoosa County, Alabama. He was born in Anniston, Alabama on February 1, 1939, and as soon as he turned seventeen he joined the Air Force.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elbert Leonard Canada and Jimmy Cecil "Curry" Canada; brothers, Perry and Lonnie Canada; sister, Annie Lou Jones; 1st wife and mother of his children, Katharina Kleiner Canada; and Margaret's son, Byron Williamson.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Margaret Hall Williamson Canada; children, James "Mark" Canada, Theresa Canada Vera (Francis), John M. Canada (Angie), Stephen B. Williamson (Sherri); numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and other family members and friends.

He spent 20 years in the Air Force of which thirteen years were out of country. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam due to being instrumental in saving the life of a downed pilot in the South China Sea. After a short stint at Lee Brass of Anniston, Alabama he retired from Anniston Army Depot after twenty years of Civil Service. For many years he was Santa Claus at The Oxford Quintard Mall along with Mrs. Claus, his wife Margaret Hall

Williamson Canada. His salary supported various charitable endeavors, including the local Women's Shelter and Church supported charities. While stationed in Italy with his family, he worked several years as a Boy Scout leader. He became a Scuba Diver to spend time with his son, Mark. He was a long time member of Oxford United Methodist Church and loved to travel.

A graveside service will be held on September 27, 2025, at ForestLawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery starting at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your charity of choice, or to The Alzheimer's Society in his memory.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM (cst)

Forestlawn Memorial Gardens
730 Golden Springs Rd
Anniston, AL

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on Mr. Canada's passing. I remember him fondly from our time at Oxford First. He used to sit behind us and Margie would bring our Granddaughter, Autumn. She would tell people she went to church with Santa Claus. He was a sweet person.

Melanie Smith - September 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JR

“ June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of James D. Canada



June Land Reaves - September 14, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JR

Oh, I am going to miss Jim SO much! He was a precious person. It was a joy to see his smiling face. I want to thank him for his military service & the delight he brought as Santa with his sweet wife Margaret. My thoughts & prayers are for you, his family Love in Christ, June Land Reaves

June Land Reaves - September 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

MG

“ It was such an honor to meet and help Jim while he stayed at Legacy. He was so kind to us, and never forgot to tell us thank you. He was always in a good mood, and it meant the world. I would always love to go visit with him and watch old westerns like Gunsmoke. My prayers are with his family and friends. May he be at peace. Thank you Jim💕

Mickayla garcia - September 12, 2025 at 10:50 AM