



## James Corban Massie

April 22, 1941 - August 3, 2025

James Corban Massie, known to most as Jim, aged 84 passed away peacefully on August 3, 2025, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Jim was a devoted spouse, parent, and friend. He leaves behind his wife of fifty years, Janice Scott, his daughter, Li Massie, and his son-in-law Kevin Byun. Jim grew up in Arlington, Virginia, with his parents William Corban Massie and Ella Mae Dickinson Massie, who both predeceased him, and his sister Betty Kay Settle. He is also survived by his much-admired nephews and niece and their families.

Jim was fortunate to grow up next door to his best friend, Jim Blamphin, who was his adventuring partner. Both Jims told many stories of the mischief they got into as children and teens. It's a wonder they made it to adulthood. Jim graduated from Miami of Ohio University but became a staunch Florida State University fan after obtaining his law degree from FSU, where he met his wife Jan. He and Jan loved watching FSU football, softball, and basketball. He was a huge NASCAR fan, although Jan not so much.

Jim had a long and varied legal career, first as a sole practitioner and later as law partner with his wife Jan. For most of his career, he enjoyed representing clients before the Florida Legislature on behalf of local governments, insurance companies, and global reinsurance companies. He has said that his most gratifying legal project was negotiating with the Governor and Cabinet

for the sale of privately-held Rainbow Springs to the State of Florida. Jim celebrated 50 years of dedication to the practice of law in June 2025.

Jim and Jan were also partners in their small horse farm east of Tallahassee since 1987. He loved taking care of the horses, gardening, planting oak trees and other landscaping. He was a great reader and loved following the news, politics, and finance.

The family wishes to thank Jim's friends and family who have shown love and support, and to give special thanks to the very caring staff of Big Bend Hospice. According to Jim's wishes, no funeral service will be held.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Tallahassee National Cemetery**

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim represented the Reinsurance Association of America before the Florida legislature for 30+ years. His track record was excellent. But what I remember most is his sense of humor and easy manner. Once in New York City on our way to one of our Board meetings, we passed Tiffany's. Jim turned immediately inside and went strait to one of the jewelry counters and spoke to a clerk. I don't remember whether he bought anything but, given that this was somewhat unusual for Jim, I do remember his response when I asked why he was doing this in such an impetus manner. Jim's response was that he was buying Jan a Christmas gift which was long overdue. In the 3 prior Christmas' Jim said he bought her (1) a high end vacuum cleaner (2) an automatic gate opener so she didn't have to get out of the car at their home and (3) a glock pistol. The he smiled, chuckled a little and gave us all a lesson about wives and practical gifts.

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**Frank Nutter** - August 07, 2025 at 10:47 PM

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Thank you for that memory. He didn't realize I loved all those practical gifts as much.  
Jan

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**Jan Scott** - August 08, 2025 at 07:51 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim on some legislative issues. He was always so knowledgeable and engaging. the lobbying world was so fortunate to have such a great advocate.

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**Anna Cam Fentriss** - August 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Corban Massie.

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August 04, 2025 at 07:53 PM