



James Russell "Jim" Volkert

July 30, 1955 - November 9, 2025

James Russell Volkert, known to all as Jim (close friends as "Jimmy") passed away peacefully surrounded by his two loving dogs, Ollie and Lu Lu. Born on July 30th, 1956, in Quantico, Virginia. The son of a proud military family, he is preceded in death by his father Col. Marvin Volkert (USMC) and loving mother Betty Ragsdale Volkert. Growing up as a military brat, Jim learned early the value of honor and love for one's country.

Jim graduated Rollins College, where he majored in history – and, as those who knew him best would say, minored in golf. Golf was his lifelong passion, from his early tournament victories in Hawaii to his later years competing at his home courses in Florida, including Golden Hills in Ocala and Golden Eagle in Tallahassee. Jim also enjoyed spending time at the range with his sons, (both golf and gun), always striving to perfect their skills.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend. He is survived by his loving wife Lynette; his three sons, Steve (Ashly), Chris, Jack and his sister Nancy Fellmeth (Brian). He will be remembered for his sharp wit, his knack for a good (or bad) impression and his unwavering loyalty to his family, his dogs, his friends and Florida State.

In his professional career, Jim was a consummate salesman and manager of people, primarily in the advertising field. Those who had the pleasure of

working with Jim can speak to his professionalism, fairness and lead by example style of management. He was a one in a million manager, mentor and friend.

One of Jim's greatest joys in recent years was "puppy playtime", where he and his buddies would gather to let their dogs run and play while discussing everything from current events to trivia, a tradition that brought him great happiness!

Those who knew Jim, will remember a man who lived life with passion, humor and heart. Someone who rarely missed a tee time, a kickoff or a chance to share a laugh. His spirit will live on in the fairways he loved, the friends he cherished and the family who will miss him dearly.

There will be a gathering of family and friends to remember Jim on Sunday December 14th, 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Golden Eagle Country Club in Tallahassee Florida.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Volkert family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Golden Eagle Country Club
3700 Golden Eagle Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and I were friends and golf buddies during his years attending Iolani HS in Honolulu. I was a bit older than he, and not nearly as talented a golfer when we played at Navy-Marine Golf Course in the afternoons. Jim was a fine fellow, always unassuming and genuine. We lost contact when he moved from Hawaii with his parents, and I have missed him since. Now I'll miss him more. I count him as one of my best friends ever.

Mark Hathaway - January 27 at 01:56 PM

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“ So sorry to learn today of Jim's passing. I didn't see Jim regularly as an adult, but as kids, we led parallel lives. My mother went to Washington during the war; Jim's mother, her sister, followed her a year later. My mother married an AF officer; his mother married a USMC officer. My parents had a girl and boy two years apart; Jim's parents had Nancy and Jim two years apart. They lived at Quantico when we lived in Annandale. They went to Denmark; we went to Tokyo, and then we moved back to live one street away from each other in Alexandria. One of my favorite memories is babysitting them and chasing Jim around the house pretending to be a Zanti Misfit from Outer Limits!

Whenever we reconnected, it was like seeing my little brother again. And he could stripe a golf ball. One of his mother's proudest Hawaii stories was hearing some opposing golfers refer to Jim as "that tough Haole!"

Rest in peace, Jimbo. You're in good company.

Maxie Maxwell - November 18, 2025 at 05:31 PM

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“ *The Maxwells will miss Jim. He was a kind and sweet cousin and we always think of him when we pass through Honolulu and see the golf course by the Marine housing area!*

Suzanne Maxwell Perini - November 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM