



In Loving Memory of James "Jim" Branson

February 7th, 1946 - June 6th, 2023

On June 6th, 2023, we bid farewell to James "Jim" Branson, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather. Jim's passing leaves a void in our hearts, but his memory will forever be cherished, and his legacy will live on.

Born in Springfield, MO on February 7th, 1946 to Earl and Marie Branson, Jim embarked on a life filled with love, passion, and cherished moments. Jim retired from Syngenta; a global science based ag-tech company in Raleigh North Carolina.

From an early age, he discovered an appreciation for music, and his collection of vinyl records became a treasured part of his life. That great passion led him to a DJ career at radio stations in Ohio and later in North Carolina. His extensive knowledge of music history, artists and trivia was well known by friends and family.

Jim took great pride in being called a "Military Brat." Growing up in a career Army family with sister Joan Branson Wagner and brothers Tom Branson (dec) and Jerry Branson, he experienced the unique challenges and adventures of living in different duty stations, both within the United States and abroad. This upbringing shaped his character and instilled in him a deep appreciation for the sacrifices and dedication of military families. He had the honor of serving in the Tomb Guard Platoon of the Old Guard, a unit best known for its precision and reverence at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

As a college football enthusiast, Jim found great delight in cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes and their victories brought him great joy. His loyalty and passion for his favorite team were unwavering, his spirit will forever be knotted with the exhilaration and camaraderie that Buckeye football brought him.

Yet, amidst his personal interests, Jim's greatest source of happiness came from his family. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Brenda, and their bond was a testament to the power of love, support, and unwavering commitment. Together, they shared years of laughter, adventures, and cherished memories.

As a father, Jim celebrated the successes of his children, Melissa Massara (Tim), Heather Renzetti (Paul) and Patrick Branson (Ashley), stepsons, Brian Mears (Heather) and Brandon Mears. He beamed with pride at their accomplishments, big or small, and celebrated their milestones with glowing enthusiasm.

Jim's role as a grandfather brought him immense joy and fulfillment. Brianna, Niles, Mason, McKenna, Kenneth and Zachary, his beloved grandchildren along with four great grandchildren, held a special place in his heart. He showered them with affection, imparted his wisdom, and created loving memories that will forever be cherished.

Jim's passing has left a void in the lives of his family and friends, but his memory will forever be celebrated. His warm smile, infectious laughter, and compassionate nature touched the lives of all who knew him.

Rest in peace, dear Jim. Your spirit will forever guide and inspire us.