



## James William Tipton

November 17, 1939 - November 5, 2018

James William “J.W.” Tipton, 78, of Fort Payne, passed away Monday, November 5, 2018 at his home. He was born November 17, 1939 to the late William Henry and Margie Lola McSpadden Tipton. He was a welder and pipe fitter by trade. Mr. Tipton retired from the National Guard in 1999 as Sergeant Major and was a member of the 20th Special Forces Society. He was also a member of the local VFW and the 656 Boilermakers.

Graveside services will be 12 noon Thursday, November 8th at Glenwood Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends Thursday from 10 a.m. until the 12 noon hour of service at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Carol King Tipton; daughters, Sharon Gothard and husband, Sandy and Joan Collins; sisters, Catherine Turner and Myrtle Cordell and husband, Jim; grandchildren, Blake Medley and wife, Jessica, Katy Gothard, Xander Gothard, and Windsor Gothard; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Savannah Medley; chosen grandson, Caleb Stalvey; chosen family, Scott and Robin Stalvey; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Frances Long and husband, Claude, Margie Thomas and husband, Wayne, Bessie Hickey and husband, Johnny, Dora Ogle and husband, Melvin; Adelle Barksdale and husband, Billy; and brother-in-law, James Turner.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Graveside Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Glenwood Cemetery  
1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Tribute Wall



“ *James William Tipton*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *20th Special Forces Society, N.A. Chap purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James William Tipton.*



**20th Special Forces Society, N.A. Chap** - November 07, 2018  
at 10:24 PM



“ *Tip was a fellow soldier who everyone in the unit looked up to, he was the quite professional. He was a brother who was quick to help you or anyone else in the unit if they needed help regardless of position or rank. He didn't care much for promotions he just wanted to do his job. Back then I was 30, he was 50, but he could carry a rucksack further and faster than I ever could, and never complain. If you look at the picture when we were in Germany back in 88 you see a Band-Aid on his forehead, he got that from jumping into Germany at night when a canteen came loose and hit him in the head, he never complained, maybe had a few choice words!. Tip was my hero What an honor it was to have known him. LTC (R) Van Wallace*

**Van Wallacxe** - November 07, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Tipton.



November 07, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ There are so memories I have of Tip, that one out of all of them would not be sufficient. RIP my friend. AATW. You will perform this mission as all the others.

**Jim Brown (Ret)** - November 07, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ James And Diane Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of James William Tipton



**James and Diane Dawson** - November 07, 2018 at 12:52 AM



“ From the Ray Posey family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James William Tipton.



**From the Ray Posey family** - November 06, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Tipton.*



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November 06, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, we love you and JW, he will be truly missed, prayers for comfort, peaceful thoughts and precious memories!!  
Leon and Winona Long*

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**Winona Long** - November 06, 2018 at 04:48 PM