



Timothy James Grimes

March 3, 1955 - March 14, 2018

Timothy James Grimes, 63, of Crawfordville, died at his home March 14, 2018. He retired from the United States Navy after serving 24 years as a Senior Chief. Tim moved to Crawfordville five years ago from West Virginia. He was very active in the local VFW and enjoyed playing pool with his friends. Survivors include his son Jered Grimes, 4 sisters Mary Cool, Liz Bears, Peggy Riggs & Jenny Silas, 2 step brothers Kurt Carlson & Ted Carlson, and grandson Ian Grimes. Tim also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family, as well as some very special friends.

Funeral Service will be Monday, March 19, 2018, 11:00 am at the Tallahassee National Cemetery with burial to follow. Donations may be made to homesforourtroops.org and/or any Military Charities of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311
<http://www.cem.va.gov>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ *My heart just breaks to hear this news. I worked with Tim at Tri-County Health Clinic in Rock Cave, WV. I just loved him a person. He was a straight forward, Kind hearted (which a lot of people did not see), funny, and all around GREAT guy. Loved his smile and the way he would just shake his head at certain things. I missed him very much when he left our company and moved to FL. Fly High my friend. Fly high.*

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Terry Jo Shingleton - March 27, 2018 at 12:18 PM

NM

“ *John,
I have thought about you often since the news of Tim's passing. When Chad and I came to Florida in December to pick up the table, I immediately knew how much you loved and cared for Tim. The enthusiasm you shared while telling stories said it all. I am very sorry for your loss. I am also very thankful Tim had you and your family. Your friendship is one to be admired and I know Tim always spoke the very best of you. I will pray for strength for you as your heart heals. Thank you for helping my mom and her family.*

Nicki Mauger - March 23, 2018 at 10:50 AM

NM

“ Jered,

I wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. Your father meant a great deal to me. Growing up in Ohio we had very little interaction with family. Distance was always the culprit. We didn't have the benefit of the internet or the ability to make low cost long distance phone calls to keep in touch with relatives. Over the years Tim visited often and he is my uncle who I felt closest to. I have memories of his crazy years when I was a child. The cutoff jeans and untamed hair. I watched him transform from an immature, young adult into a respected and poised member of our Navy and a doting father.

Early in my marriage my husband and I had a hard time conceiving our second child. I prayed for that baby so many times and when we finally found out we were pregnant we really wanted to give our son a name that resonated with the person we wanted him to grow to be. Normally the range of candidates a couple might choose from could seem endless at first, but my husband and I knew immediately that our son would be named Timothy after your father. We didn't put it on a list, discuss it in detail or debate if it was the right decision. We both knew how special Tim was and we both thought if our son grew up to be half the man Tim was then we would be lucky. Tim was patient, forgiving, kind hearted and responsible. He spent vacation time with my children and always greeted all of them with a big smile. Tim was also a good friend to my mother and that meant a lot to be. I always felt better knowing they were together on trips and while in Florida. I worried they may get into a little trouble, but I knew they had each other. My children are very lucky to have had Tim in their lives. I still have the beautiful blankets Amber and Tim gave us when our babies were born and the Flat Stanley letter Tim wrote my son Timothy Lee when he was in elementary school. My son is now an adult. He has a beautiful soul just like your father. I couldn't have asked for a better role model or namesake. I wish comfort and healing for your broken heart. Take the things your father taught you and tell Ian how special and important his grandfather was to so many people.

Nicki Mauger - March 23, 2018 at 10:20 AM

JS

Thank you Nikki for such a wonderful note about my brother.

jennifer silas - March 23, 2018 at 11:40 AM

PR

“ *My father used to carry a photo of my youngest brother Tim in his wallet. I've been thinking about that photo this week. It showed an adorable little boy with blond curls wearing cowboy boots on the wrong feet. According to the story, he had gone downtown on his own. He was about four years old! Tim didn't always have an easy path through life, but he always managed to put on his boots and forge ahead. I remember him as a happy boy playing hockey in the winter and hanging out with Pat and the neighbourhood boys in the summer. I left home before his teenage years, but I heard some stories. Shortly after I moved to Montreal, he decided to visit me. The people at the Canadian border actually phoned me to verify he was my brother. I'm not sure what made them suspicious-there were several possibilities. He had ID from three different states and no money. When they asked him to get out of the car, he had to climb through the driver's window because the door couldn't open. His big hair might have been a factor too. They actually let him cross and he had a great story to tell when he arrived. Tim always kept in touch over the years and I appreciated that so much. We didn't see each other often, but I loved listening to his stories when we were together. He was a special man with a gentle heart. He was accepting of others, kind, and generous with his time. He loved his family and was so proud of Jered and Ian. My father must have seen something special in that photo. I know he would have been very proud of his youngest son. He was a wonderful brother and I will miss him so much.*

Peggy Riggs - March 23, 2018 at 06:57 AM

JS

Thanks Peggy. More memories I never knew. I had forgot about his hair too

jennifer silas - March 23, 2018 at 11:43 AM

JD

“ *Joyce Depoy lit a candle in memory of Timothy James Grimes*



Joyce Depoy - March 22, 2018 at 06:21 AM

MC

“ *I have lost a great friend and brother and it leaves me so sad. He was such a kind and generous soul. We have gone through terrible life events together as well as wonderful Ines. He was a caring uncle and role model to my children always. My grandsons absolutely loved going to uncle Tim's for vacation in West Virginia where they could camp, fish and be king of the mountain in biuders in the river. I think it was also their first driving experience. Such a wonderful man! I can't believe he won't be with me on cruises, in Vegas or at Winters in PCB Florida. We had so many more memories to experience. I love and miss you dearly!!*

Mary Cool - March 20, 2018 at 04:12 PM

LB

“ *Every memory I have of Tim is him doing something for someone else. I see him showing me around on the mule, taking Benny fishing, sitting on the porch talking about our day, grilling hamburgers, taking care of Rue, smiling. Always smiling. Most giving, kind person. I'll always miss him. Rest in our Savior's everlasting arms.*

Liz Bears - March 20, 2018 at 05:24 AM

JG

“ My Dad, Tim Grimes, was that special kind of person who was a unique combination of very smart, caring, giving, and tough. He was a career sailor as a corpsman for 24 years, stationed with both the Navy and the Marine Corps. When I was a kid I had to write a paper about someone I admired, and that was very simple to sort through. Immediate finalists were my mother and father, and as he often did for a growing boy my father got the final nod. I wrote about seeing him in his dress uniform and how he was duty bound. How he took care of others and dedicated his life to something bigger than himself. He knew so much about so much and he always worked harder than the guys to his right and to his left while at the same time dragging them along with him if need be. He was a great guy and an excellent sailor. He loved his family and would bend over backwards when the situation called for it. He took on my disabled brother as if he was his own when he married my mom. Any of my friends who ever needed a meal or a place to stay had one at our house. He pushed me to be as good as I could and to achieve all that I could, to work myself out of a jam and fight my way out of any situation if need be. Get the best grades I could, and make it near impossible to be denied. As time went on and I had a son, he was even a beloved Grandpa, my son Ian loves him so much. He gave and gave throughout his life, taking care of others and being ten feet tall in a 5'6" body. I am certain there are so many people who owe some part of who they are to him. I feel that I am in the greatest debt. So much of who I am I owe to him. I thank you all for allowing me this time to talk a little about my dad and how great he was. His passing has broken a lot of hearts. Not simply because a death has occurred but because I think we all know the world was better off with him in it.

Jered Grimes - March 19, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ I only recently met Tim but quickly felt a bond with him. He was a genuinely warm person. I will miss his presence on my next visit to Panama City Beach. Dearest Tim, I am so glad we were able to celebrate your birthday with you and see you so happy. Rest easy my friend and thank you for the memories!

Susie Donachey - March 19, 2018 at 09:50 AM



I didn't know Tim well, he was a quiet man but you knew he was a good guy. The special bond he had with his dog Rue told a lot about him. Rue was totally devoted to him. He was always happy to go along with whatever the crowd wanted to do. He will be missed by many.

Bonnie Wilson - March 20, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Tim was my oldest friend....we met as teens at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois. Forty seven years later we were still the best of friends. I learned to water ski with him behind his father's boat and I was with him when he met his first love. I had to say goodbye to him on more than one occasion, as our life paths went in different directions. We always stayed in touch and we reunited with each other on three separate occasions. I had the honor of living next door to Tim for the last several years of his life and we made the most of it. He had a heart of gold and we never had any harsh words for each other. He was my brother and I miss him so much. I know he is in a better place, but , I am selfish.....I wish he were still here. Goodbye my friend, I will always love you and cherish your memory. You will always have a special place in my heart. Rest in peace my friend.

John Court - March 18, 2018 at 01:37 PM

RE

“ You were a great grandpa. Ian is proud of where he comes from. You and his dad built his first crib and you were a huge part of everything from the time he was born. Enjoy your journey moving on thank you for the memories that make you passing a little easier. Ian has shared so many with me.

Regina - March 18, 2018 at 12:04 PM

DS

“ Mary, May happy memories of Tim carry you and your family through this difficult time.
Wishing you peace,
Debbie

Deborah Stinson - March 18, 2018 at 11:56 AM

MB

“ He took me on my first fishing adventure, taught me how to drive (causing some of his grey hair I'm sure), quizzed my first date when he picked me up, took care of me when I needed it and with Amber helped me raise my boy. I could go on and on how he was such a huge part of my life. For many years he was my brother and a sudo dad. Those years and memories mean the world to me.

Love ya! Chele

Michele Bosley-Wagner - March 17, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ *My love, you were a great dad and Grandpa to Jered, Jeremy,, and Ian.. A good friend to so many. You were always ready to help in any way you could. Even though we were not together these past free years, we were really not far apart. My heart is full of sadness by your passing but it runs over with love. You will be missed greatly!!!*



Amber Grimes - March 17, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mr. Grimes was a great man. I grew up with Jered and he always welcomed me into his home like I was one of his own. He always kept up with us and what was going on in our lives. It was a pleasure knowing him and a blessing to be around him when I was growing up. Thank you for your service and your love towards my family. You will be missed.*

Dan Wesson - March 17, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *What can I say about my dad? With everything he ever taught me and all that he passed along. He wanted everything for me that he didn't have and he helped me my whole life. The man touched a lot of lives and I hope to read a lot of great memories.*

Jered Grimes - March 17, 2018 at 07:24 PM

BK

“ Tim was my mentor while serving on the USS Stump (DD-978). He was an outstanding person and it was a privilege to know and serve with him. He will be missed. R.I.P. Shipmate. Fair Winds and Following Seas.



Bob Kearney - March 17, 2018 at 12:45 PM

Jered
Grimes

Thank you for posting the pictures.

Jered Grimes - March 17, 2018 at 07:17 PM

SL

“ Tim would visit regularly, the kids and I always looked forward to it. He had a kind heart and great personality. Grant loved the visits to West Virginia. He is greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

Stephanie, Grant, Reagan, Lucas - March 17, 2018 at 12:33 PM

CB

“ Had some great times with Uncle Tim, always looked forward to his visits. He will be missed but the memories treasured.

Chris Behne - March 17, 2018 at 12:25 PM

MC

“ *Tim and I just finished our 4th winter stay in Panama City Beach. We had an awesome time with friends and family. Lots of pool playing, gaming, beer drinking, beach time, and get togethers. Tim will really be missed at the VFW, Salty Sue's, the track and the Beach house!*

Mary Cool - March 16, 2018 at 07:10 AM

MG

So sorry for you and your family's loss Mary, Tim was a great guy and lots of fun... you are all my my thoughts and prayers, love ya! Marta

marta Gattas - March 17, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LB

“ *Tim was the kindest of brothers. I never remember him ever being mad at anyone or saying an unkind word. I will miss him greatly. Liz*

Liz Bears - March 15, 2018 at 06:36 PM