



## MSG (Ret) Daniel James "Jim" Boyd

December 5, 1960 - April 11, 2011

Daniel James "Jim" Boyd, 50 of Waynesville, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, a retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant, passed away at 11:45 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2011, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla, after a long battle with melanoma cancer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at Memorial Chapels and Crematory, Waynesville/St. Robert.

Visitation will also be held at 5:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, at Overton Funeral Home, Indianola, Iowa.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 16, at Immaculate Conception Church, St. Mary's Iowa. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Cemetery, Stuart, Iowa, under direction of Overton Funeral Home, Indianola, Iowa.

Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife: Kim; children: Matthew Boyd (Megan) and Jennifer Boyd (Nick Trewett); one grandchild: Anniston Boyd; Siblings: Joan Putzke (Ed), Mary Jane Long (Charles), John Boyd (Marilyn), Patricia Starmer (Wendell), Linda Kurz (Ed), Sandra Alitz (Mike), Catherine Chambers (Roger), Michael Boyd; eleven nieces, nine nephews, seven great nieces, fifteen great nephews; several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation and left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *MSG (Ret) Daniel James "Jim" Boyd*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I first met Jim in 1990. He was investigating me. Since day one I was drawn to him. We ended up becoming lifelong friends. I still see his children several times a year. He was a perfect friend. Not a perfect person, but a perfect friend. Most morale man I ever knew. Most stubborn man I ever knew. Best friend I ever had. Loved by many, missed by all. I think of him daily. He made me a better man. Stories too numerous. I loved Jim.*

**Ben Iles** - February 13, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *Sorry to here of his death##imported-begin##Odis Stroud##imported-end##*

October 31, 2011 at 10:01 AM



“ *Kim and family, I Just learned of Jim's passing and was deeply saddened. I had the honor of serving with Jim as Platoon Sergeants in the 188th MP Company in Korea. I remember him as being very professional and a very hard worker. He was a great leader who cared very much for his soldiers. My prayers go out to the Boyd family.##imported-begin##Michael O. Hairston##imported-end##*

April 22, 2011 at 09:03 PM



“ I had the honor of working with MSG Boyd in FLW. I just received the news of his passing. It's so difficult to hear that such a great person has passed. My prayers and thoughts are with you, his family. God be with you.##imported-begin##Nancy Santiago-Weinreis##imported-end##

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April 19, 2011 at 04:57 PM



“ Dear Kim and kin,  
Our world is a poorer place now for having lost ol' Minnow Bucket. I will never forget him shaving his head with me. Michael and I grieve with you. So, so sad. With love, admiration and respect##imported-begin##Ann Elizabeth and Michael Pelkey##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ Kim and family,  
I am honored to have served with MSG Boyd. He will always be remembered as one of the best leaders the Army had. Even well after his retirement he was always there for his former soldiers. There were many times where I knew I could call for his guidance. He will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Boyd family.##imported-begin##Dan Murphy##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 08:07 PM



“ *Kim our hearts go out to you and your family.*

*Jim will be missed.*

*Michael and Ann Elizabeth Pelkey##imported-begin##michael r. pelkey##imported-end##*

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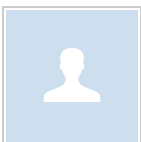
April 18, 2011 at 07:36 PM



“ *MSG Boyd was my first and the best platoon sergeant I have had the honor to serve with in my career. I learned from Jim Boyd each and every day of the 6 months that we served together during my first assignment in Korea with the 188th MP Company. The lessons he taught me about leading and taking care of Soldiers and meeting the commander's intent have stayed with me and I use them even today as a battalion commander. His legacy lives through me and the Soldiers that I lead and will continue to lead. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire boyd Family. Chris Wynder##imported-begin##LTC Chris Wynder##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ *I very sad for your loss. Jim was a great leader and will be missed.##imported-begin##Jim Shanahan##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2011 at 03:55 PM



“ My deepest and heart-felt sympathy go out to your family. A shock to me, to be sure, as we are the same age. He will be remembered as a mentor and friend. May God recieve you and comfort those left behind.##imported-begin##Gordon J. Bierschenk, MAJ, USA, Ret.##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ We have truely lost a special person. May god bless your family durning this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Frank Webb##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ Jim was one of the finest men and NCOs with whom I have ever worked. Whether it was offering his opinion or guidance, sahving his head in unity with a friend who also had cancer, Jim was alway a stand up guy and I am a better man for knowing him. God bless and comfort you and yours. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Bill Young##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 03:23 PM



“ Just found out today -- what a shock -- worked with MSG Boyd a few years back - a pleasure to work with -- so saddened to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Bonnie Camp##imported-end##

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April 18, 2011 at 03:08 PM



“ *MSG Boyd was an outstanding Senior NCO of whom I had the honor to serve with during my mobilization to Fort LeonardWood in 2003. I learned so much from him during that 11 month tour and he was one the folks that kept our team focused and on track. I knew that I could always count on him to be there for our team. MSG Boyd(R) will certainly be missed by many and my deepest condolences go out to his Family.##imported-begin##COL Glenn Vonderweth##imported-end##*

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April 18, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ *My deepest condolence to the Boyd Family. Jim was an outstanding individual, who was greatly liked and respected by all who new him. My prayers are for you.##imported-begin##Chester E. Warlick##imported-end##*

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April 17, 2011 at 07:29 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim will be truly missed in all of our lives and community. Scott, Crystal, Thad & Chelsea Porter##imported-begin##Scott & Crystal Porter##imported-end##*

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April 16, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Misty Hendrix##imported-end##*

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April 15, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ You are all in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Nola Wood##imported-end##

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April 15, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ Kim, Matt and Jenny,  
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you journey through this dark time in your lives. If we can do anything to help, please do not hesitate to call.  
John and Dru##imported-begin##John and Dru Cowart##imported-end##

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April 14, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ Kim and family, please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Jim. Jim was a friend, great soldier, second to none, and taught me so much. "Death leaves heartaches no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." I was so sadden to hear of the death of Jim. While no one can truly feel the sorrow that you all are bearing, may the beautiful memories of him help you through these difficult days. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely,  
Doug Watson##imported-begin##COL(Ret) Doug Watson##imported-end##

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April 14, 2011 at 07:56 PM



“ Matt and Jenny, I am so sorry for your loss and can feel the pain in your Hearts. Know that your father is in a better place and being Heralded as a Hero by us all. Kim -I know you are going to need a friend and shoulder..please feel free to call if you need to talk or be silent with someone. May the Heavenly Father grant you Peace.##imported-begin##Ms Delilah##imported-end##

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April 14, 2011 at 06:22 PM



“ Our community sends our good thoughts and prayers to you on this terrible loss. Lean on your friends.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

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April 14, 2011 at 02:59 PM



“ I'm so sorry about Jim and pray your grief will be eased by happy memories. May God give you peace during this difficult time and make his presence felt. Hang tough, Boyd family. Love you.##imported-begin##Kelly York##imported-end##

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April 14, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Boyd family. Thank you MSG Boyd for your years of service to our country and all that you did for me. You were a leaders leader and will be greatly missed.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9##imported-begin##Richard Pursell##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ *To the Boyd Family:  
We are thinking of you in your loss, and will remember each of you in our prayers now and in the difficult days ahead. May God richly bless you and grant you His perfect peace.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2011 at 03:27 AM



“ *MSG Jim Boyd has left to meet his maker. There will be important tasks for him to complete and no doubt he will meet everyone of them head on with a spirit that only the American Soldier can muster. You will be missed by many and the impact of your life on your Soldiers and family has been immeasurable. A job well done!*

*Brian##imported-begin##CSM (R) Brian Lambert##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2011 at 09:19 PM



“ *We will miss 1SG, I had the honor to work with him. I know its hard, but he is no longer in pain, he is in the father arms and watching over the family. I will keep ya'll in our prayers. I wished I could be there, to pay my respects to him. God knows I would. Again I so sorry that he has lsft this world to soon!*

*God Bless##imported-begin##SFC Ira M. Entsminger Jr##imported-end##*

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April 13, 2011 at 08:08 PM



“ Boyd Family: Jim was a good man. I hope you can find peace in the many memories you have with him.##imported-begin##Toni Gagnon Ross##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ Boyd Family, You missed some great training events and deployments. We were motivated, tactically proficient, and in great physical condition because we were trained by the best. He set a high standard and expected nothing less from his subordinates. I saw parts of FLW and Cuba that I would've missed had we not had your husband/dad to lead us off-the-beaten-path on road marches and runs and low-crawling long stretches of open fields in the "gilley suit" he had us make. He lead by example and never asked us to do anything that he would not do himself. We were better Soldiers because of him. The Army and MP Regiment lost a good man with his passing. Respectfully, Maggie & family##imported-begin##Maggie Quinn##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 04:57 PM



“ My sympathies are with you as you grieve for your loved one. I was so sorry to hear the news.##imported-begin##Donna Grzyb##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 04:37 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences in the loss of your Loved one our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of immense sorrow. May God wrap his loving arms around you and bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Pam Seda##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 01:56 PM



“ My Condolences and prayers to the family, I know Dan will be missed by all. He was not only an outstanding Soldier but an outstanding hard working person who firmly believed in "Duty, Honor and Country".##imported-begin##SGM(R) Roosevelt McGarrah##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 11:41 AM



“ Klm and family, I didn't get to personally meet Jim but I feel connected to him because we have both had to fight Melanoma. My heart goes out to each of you on this great loss. May God give each of you and the Boyd family comfort during this difficult time. My fight continues and is even stronger now because in my Clinical Trial I am fighting for the lives lost to Melanoma.##imported-begin##Barbara & Mitchell Riggins##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 11:32 AM



“ The Boyd Family,  
We are so sorry about the loss of your loved one. Words are never enough at this difficult time. Just know that we are thinking about you at this time. Mr. Boyd was a fine man and a great example for his children. He will be greatly missed.

Staff and Students of Laquey High School##imported-begin##LAQUEY HS STAFF AND STUDENTS##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ Kim and your wonderful family. Please accept the prayers and warmest of memories we all share with you as we remember Jim. He was a selfless and caring Leader who made every place better than he found it. While words will not be able to remove the sadness and grief that you all have at this time please know that as Jim would not rest if there was work to be done, he would not allow a friend or Soldier to face a problem alone – know that your Military Police family is here for each one of you. Our deepest and most sincere condolences. Rhett and Katrina Weddell##imported-begin##Rhett Weddell##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ MSG Boyd was an extremely dedicated and loyal soldier. Knowing and working with him was a great pleasure.##imported-begin##MSG (RET) Donald Brown##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 10:08 AM



“ Kim and family. So sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Bill and Sue Anderson##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Kim, Matthew, Jennifer and the Boyd Family, I am truly sorry for your loss....I had the privilege and honor to serve with Jim for over 15 years....He was a great Leader and Mentor to me...He instilled in my heart the number one thing to do is to take care of your Soldiers and there families...I can remember the days of his stern but meaningful mentoring session...O they were Awesome....I and my Family were blessed to have him as a part of our extended family...I think Brittney said it Best Mr. Jim Boyd. You will be missed! All of your jokes and many stories... from my family to yours we send our deepest sympathy at this time of your loss of Jim...The James family.....Dan, Kim, Alan and Brittney###imported-begin###Daniel James###imported-end###

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April 13, 2011 at 04:05 AM



“ Kim and family,  
Jim North just sent me a note about Jim's passing. I'm so sorry. Know that I have always been a fan of Jim Boyd ever since we served together in Korea in 1991-1993. He was by far, the most professional, energetic, and charimatic leader I know. He's been a friend over the years and we're definitely going to miss him. Our prayers go out to you, your family and to Jim. May God bless you and give you strength in your time of grief. With utmost respect and sincerity, Dan McElroy###imported-begin###COL Dan McElroy###imported-end###

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April 13, 2011 at 03:21 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Jim. Our thoughts are with you and your family. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing but it's comforting to know that Jim is no longer tired nor in pain. I will always be grateful and remember Jim for all the good and support he gave to me and Myong. He was the best Platoon Sergeant in the 188th. He was the most honest and hardest working First Sergeant in the 795th. He was the only Directorate Sergeant Major in the Garrison that chose to lead, not manage. Jim was always there to help my family when I couldn't be. Jim stood his ground on principle, there wasn't any gray area with him. I can still see the veins bulging in his neck during the many spirited discussions we had. He made me a better leader and kept me honest. I will cherish the memories of the times we spent together. Jim was a good man and friend. Again, please know that you have our deepest sympathies during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jim and Myong North##imported-end##

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April 13, 2011 at 01:25 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayer are with your family at this time, Kim, Jenni, And Matt We are so sorry for your loss Jim was a great man He will be missed by many who knew him..

*The Dillon Family##imported-begin##Sheri Dillon##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2011 at 11:38 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time.

*Ronda & Denny Wendt  
( Roger Chambers sister and husband )##imported-begin##Ronda & Denny Wendt##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2011 at 11:14 PM



“ *Kim, Matt , Megan,Anni, Jenny and family! Our heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Jim was a good friend and always lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed You are All in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With Love the Brickner Family  
Karin ,Howard ,Josh and Nate*

*Ps. A special Hug from Nate to Kim, Matt, and Jenny##imported-begin##Karin Brickner##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2011 at 10:51 PM



“ *Kim, Matt an Jenny, so sorry for your loss and my God comfort you in your sorrow.##imported-begin##Jaime & Sissy Anderson##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2011 at 10:29 PM



“ *Kim, Matt and Jenny,  
We are so saddened to hear the news. It was also pleasant to visit with him at games and you knew how much he enjoyed his family. He served our country in a diligent manner and know he will be greatly missed. We are praying for all of you. May God comfort you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Joetta & Rod Hendrix##imported-end##*

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April 12, 2011 at 08:01 PM



“ To Kim and the Boyd family: Our hearts and prayers go out to each of you. Jim will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I had the pleasure of knowing Jim over 20 years and served with him on three separate assignments over those years. I was a better leader and Soldier because of his friendship, determination and care for those with whom he served and led. I know these past two years have been trying and painful for everyone who cared for and loved him. Rest assured that he is in a better place, and no longer suffering. Please accept my condolences and let the love and passion of his friends and battle buddies aid in your healing and preservation of his memories. He mentored many, trained hundreds, and made an impression on everyone he encountered.

Sincerely, Dan and Lee Rimmer

RCSM7 "Of the Troops..."###imported-begin##Dan Rimmer###imported-end##

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April 12, 2011 at 06:16 PM



“ Kim, Matthew & Jenny,  
We are so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. Jim was a devoted husband, father and Soldier who quickly earned the respect of all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

Dennis & Chris Hutchinson###imported-begin##Dennis & Christine Hutchinson###imported-end##

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April 12, 2011 at 06:10 PM