



MSG (Ret) James Christopher Exum

March 18, 1961 - December 23, 2010

James Christopher Exum, son of James Wilson and Brenda Joyce (Scott) Exum, was born March 18, 1961 in Dothan, Alabama where he grew up and graduated from Rehobeth High School in 1979.

While working at Red Lobster after graduating from high school, James met Nancy Elizabeth Morris. They were married on July 9, 1980 in Donalsonville, Georgia and shared over 30 years of marriage together.

After he and Nancy were married, James entered into the United States Army and spent the next 25 years faithfully serving his country. He was awarded several awards and commendations; some of which include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (7th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), South West Asia Service Medal W/Bronze Service Star (3rd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, KU-LIB-MDL (Saudi Arabia), KU-LIB-MDL (Kuwait), Driver and Mechanics Badge with Driver – Tracked Vehicle Clasp, and Drill Sergeant Identification Badge. At the time of his retirement, he had attained the rank of Master Sergeant and retired

in 2005.

After retiring from the military, James began working as a consultant contractor for CTC on Fort Leonard Wood until ill health caused him to cease from working.

In his spare time, James enjoyed being outdoors while fishing and he also liked spending time on his computer. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family.

James passed away at 5:49 a.m., Thursday, December 23, 2010 in his home surrounded by his family. He will be sadly missed, by all those that knew and loved him.

James leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Nancy of the home; his parents: James and Brenda Exum of Dothan, AL; four children: Christopher Michael Alphord (Heather) of Bryan, TX, April Renae Nauman (Jason) of Albuquerque, NM, Richard Wayne Alphord (Heather) of Crossett, AR and James Ross Exum (Jaime) of Dixon, MO; one brother: Chester Earl Exum (Tammy) of Dothan, AL; maternal grandmother: Clyde Hall of Dothan, AL; ten grandchildren: Ethan, Kelsey, Demetri, Laura, Larissa, Katherine, Savannah, Cassandra, Seth and Sade; several other relatives and friends.

James was preceded in death by one brother: Curtis Anthony Exum and his paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather.

Funeral services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2010 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory with Chaplain (MAJ) James Smith officiating. The songs "Go Rest High on that Mountain" by Vince Gill, "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley and "Forever Young" by Audra Mae and the Forest Rangers were played. Military honors

were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG (Ret) James Christopher Exum*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *MSG (Ret) James Christopher Exum*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *it is now been a year and I still miss you so much. I loved and still love you so much. I don't know how I am going to live the rest of my life without you by my side.##imported-begin##nancy##imported-end##*

December 28, 2011 at 10:14 AM



“ *Chris - It was a great pleasure getting to know you and working with you the past several years. I really enjoyed your candid advice and sense of humor. Rest in peace my friend. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Scott Werkmeister##imported-end##*

January 03, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Love you and praying for your family.
MOMMA:)###imported-begin##CAROLINE S.HARTON##imported-
end##

December 30, 2010 at 09:23 PM



“ Jim, my partner in running, biking, and a great teacher in fishing.
The time we had at Polk will never be forgotten. You will be missed,
but I know that someday I will see you on the other side someday. I
will miss you my friend.###imported-begin##Stephen
Rodriguez##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ I chatted with Chris in March this year on facebook for the first
contact since highschool .He seemed very happy with his life. I am
thinking now of his youngest son and of his parents who should not
have to bury a (second?) son. So sorry for all his close loved ones
and reflecting on my own mortality. GOD BLESS ALL!###imported-
begin##kathy tanner neff##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 07:10 PM



“ Chris - You were my mentor, my protector, my comedian, my devil's
advocate, and my heartfelt friend. I miss you dearly but take comfort
in knowing you are already teasing and pestering God himself up in
heaven. I also know you'll be looking out for us all down here on
earth. To the day I see you again, take care of yourself up
there.###imported-begin##Dana Trzeciak##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 04:14 PM



“ Chris was a wonderful friend, co-worker and travel partner to Mark. He always had a sense of humor. He asked me many times to take Marks truck up to the Pleasure Zone and get a picture of it in the parking lot. He always got tickled when Mark said, "I don't think so".

I am a better person for knowing him.

My heart breaks at your loss Nancy, if you ever need anything, day or night, please call.##imported-begin##Margaret Disbrow##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 10:24 AM



“ My heart goes out to you as you grieve the loss of Chris.##imported-begin##wanda hall skinner##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 10:12 AM



“ What a blessing it has been to know you and to have you as my friend and mentor. You could make me smile when life presented unforeseen challenges and you lifted my heart when you knew I was hurting. Thank you for sharing your smile, love of God, country and family, and simple joy of life with me. I know God has a special mission for you there in heaven, but that will not make me miss you less here on earth. I look forward to seeing you again dear friend. Until then, may the road rise to meet you and God hold you in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Wenona Vistoso##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 09:42 AM



“ My Platoon Sergeant and much more. He made me the man I am today and I feel privileged to have known and worked with such a man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Whitley###imported-begin###Boyd Whitley###imported-end##

December 27, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Phil
Trawick###imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 10:30 PM



“ I will miss your constant smile and jokes that made everyone laugh. May you rest in peace.###imported-begin###Beth
Johnson###imported-end##

December 26, 2010 at 04:07 PM



“ You will always be remembered as SFC Exum from the 6th Ord Bn to me. You kept a young lieutenant out of trouble... or was that got me into trouble. :) You will be missed.###imported-begin###Keith
Chinn###imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 10:13 PM



“ My husbands father, teacher, idol and hero; my childrens loving grandfather and spoiler of them; my father in law, friend and source of constant laughter... Your memory remains alive forever in our hearts and minds. We love and miss you very much. May peace be with you always.##imported-begin##Heather Alphord##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 08:26 PM



“ It is with the greatest sadness I let you go but I will have you in my heart always. I love you and miss you so much. You were my hero and I will always be daddy's little girl.##imported-begin##April Nauman##imported-end##

December 24, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ I will miss you my friend, my brother.

*The road ahead goes on forever,
Against new obstacles I must 'tend,
But I know you'll be there to help,
As my brother, and my friend.##imported-begin##Mark
Disbrow##imported-end##*

December 23, 2010 at 09:12 PM