



Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds

March 3, 1943 - January 8, 2026

Graveside funeral services with Military Honors for Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds, 82, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Deadwood Cemetery Pavillion with Chaplain Carey Ponder officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. on Thursday at Hawthorn Funeral Home. James Yancy Bounds was born March 3, 1943, in Deadwood, Texas. He passed this life January 8, 2026, in Carthage, Texas. James was one of nine children born to the marriage of Willie B. Nail and John Grady Bounds. He was raised in Deadwood and schooled in Carthage graduating with the Bulldog Class of 1961. He was a graduate of Texas A&M University where he played football. He received his master's degree from Pepperdine University and his doctorate from University of Texas in Tyler. James married his love Brenda Sue Petty October 19, 1968. He served his country proudly as a Major in the United States Marine Corps. He flew F-4 Phantoms and was a Top Gun Graduate. After his retirement from the military, he taught as an alternative schoolteacher in Hughes Springs I.S.D. and Elysian Fields I.S.D. and again retired. Mr. Bounds served as the Past President of the Panola County Texas A&M former students Assoc., was chosen for the Carthage High School Athletic Hall of Honor in 2018 and was inducted into the Carthage Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2013. He loved traveling, watching his kids and grandkids sports and time with family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Henry "Mack", John Grady, Howard, Billy,

Travis, Dal Bounds; sisters Connie LaGrone and Thelma Baysek.
Mr. Bounds is survived by his wife of 58 years, Brenda Bounds of Carthage;
sons, Lieutenant Colonel (RET) USMC, James Yancy II and wife Melanie
Harriman Bounds of Riverview, FL, Travis Yancy and wife Karen Kappler
Bounds of Henderson; sister-in-law, Jeanette Bounds of Carthage;
grandchildren, Joshua, Ty, Ryan, Taj, Annie, and Thor Bounds; numerous
nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Cemetery Details

Deadwood Cemetery

Deadwood, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Deadwood Cemetery
Deadwood, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds



Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 14 at 06:08 PM

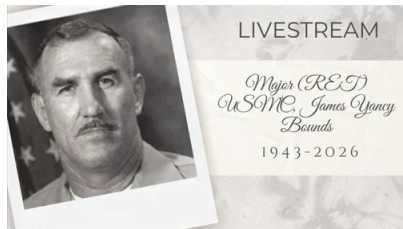
SM

Prayers and my sympathy for all the family.

Susan McMahon - January 15 at 09:59 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds



Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 12 at 10:27 AM

TW

Rest easy

Tony white - January 12 at 05:16 PM

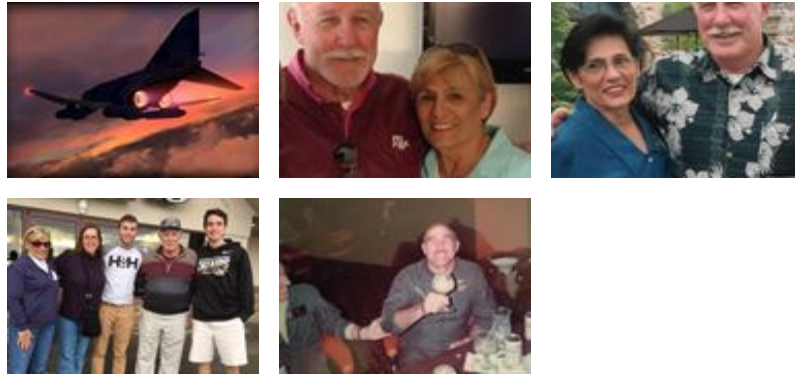
LM

“ Yancy and I first flew together in VMFA-451 on 11 October 1974. Our last flight together was on 5 October 1976. In between these two days we had a great time flying off the USS Forrestal. At least I did, he might have had a different story!
Buffrilla you flew West without me but I'll find you so save me a seat at the bar! Semper Fi
Udell

Larry Marr - January 15 at 03:19 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 14 at 03:55 PM

TM

“ The Adcocks & Marrs purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



The Adcocks & Marrs - January 14 at 10:53 AM

AP

“ Ana Pellon purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



Ana Pellon - January 13 at 06:32 PM

JF

“ Panola County VFW Post 5620 will remember Yancy as a faithful life member who served in several important positions. And I will remember him as a faithful Aggie and a great story teller. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

John Foster - January 13 at 02:06 PM

AS

“ David and I send our condolences to you and your family. Prayers for comfort and peace.



Anne Seidensticker - January 12 at 09:10 PM

CB

“ Carol, Lisa, Leslie and Dylan Bounds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.

Carol, Lisa, Leslie and Dylan Bounds - January 12 at 07:14 PM

CB

“ Carol, Lisa, Leslie and Dylan Bounds purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



Carol, Lisa, Leslie and Dylan Bounds - January 12 at 07:14 PM

JW

“ Jeannette, Belva, Pat, Julie & Wes purchased the *Sacred Duty Spray* for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



Jeannette, Belva, Pat, Julie & Wes - January 12 at 04:18 PM

JW

“ Jeannette, Belva, Pat, Julie & Wes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.

Jeannette, Belva, Pat, Julie & Wes - January 12 at 04:18 PM

PG

“ Patty, Steve, Alexandra, Matthew Gamble purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



Patty, Steve, Alexandra, Matthew Gamble - January 12 at 12:34 PM

PG

“ *Patty, Steve, Alexandra, Matthew Gamble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.*

Patty, Steve, Alexandra, Matthew Gamble - January 12 at 12:34 PM

ML

“ *Michael & Diana Lerche planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.*

Michael & Diana Lerche - January 12 at 10:38 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.*



January 12 at 10:38 AM

LS

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Bounds, you were the example of showing kids the right way to live. Not just in school but out of school as well!!! You had so much influence on the kids that came to you, just to want to do better. You were stern, but we always knew you cared too!! Praying for your family, friends and everyone who is mourning you. Rest easy Soldier, as you are with God now!!!*

Lacey Stolzer - January 12 at 09:45 AM

DW

“ I, ”SALUTE YOU”, for a life, WELL DONE.
SO PROUD TO HAVE HAD YOU AS A FRIEND AND
CLASSMATE, ‘61.
REST IN PEACE!
Douglas Wright.

Doug Wright - January 12 at 08:57 AM

AD

“ Yancy and I go way back to our days at Carthage High School. I thought a lot of him and admired his many achievements in life. We were able to reconnect in our later years and enjoyed getting caught up through phone calls. Sincere condolences and God’s peace to his family. Andy Durrett

Andy Durrett - January 11 at 10:32 PM

FF

“ From the Kohler brothers and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Major (RET) USMC, James Yancy Bounds.



From the Kohler brothers and family - January 11 at 05:15 PM



“ Brenda, Mr B will truly be missed! He was my high school ISS teacher & most of all my mentor! I have loved watching your love story everyday on FB. He truly loved you more than life & the Aggies❤️

Jeannette Brown - January 11 at 05:04 PM