

Jim Braziel

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Jimmy "Jim" Howard Braziel, 60, a retired supervisor for General Motors, passed away suddenly of a massive heart attack on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at an Arlington hospital. Jim was born July 3, 1941. He attended J.P. Elder Jr. High and was a 1959 graduate of North Side High School and a University of Texas of Arlington graduate. He was a member of the elite drill team, Sam Houston Rifles, the "Jodies". Jim was a Vietnam veteran (1st Cavalry Division), earning many decorations, including the Purple Heart. He retired in 1998 from General Motors as a supervisor after 36 years of service. Most recently he was a consultant for Breed, Gentex and GuideLamp Corporations. He was a Master Mason of the Poly Lodge #925, a member of Elks Lodge #2114, and was a 22-year member of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington. Everyone who knew Jim knew he loved life and lived it to the fullest. He loved his family very much and was an avid golfer and traveler. Survivors: Wife of 35 years, Shirley Braziel; children, Jeff Braziel, Stacy Pickett and husband, Jason, all of Arlington; siblings, Kay Wolfe and husband, Don, and Lynn Braziel and wife, Sarah; many other cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by many friends and family.