



# James "Jim" Bullard

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**L**t. Jim Bullard was born April 13, 1936 and passed away October 3, 2017. He graduated CBHS in 1955, where he was Vice President of his class and voted friendliest by his peers. He obtained a Bachelor's of Science from Memphis State University in 1971 and a Master's in Education in 1976. He served as the physical trainer for the Memphis Police Department, teaching his trainers that "It pays to be a winner." He retired from the police department in 1984 after 27 years of service. He developed a self-defense program while in the police department and continued to tour nationally after his retirement. He also authored a book entitled "Looking Forward to Being Attacked" His favorite line was "never let a low life character spoil three minutes of your day." He was passionate about exercise and later became a personal trainer and left this world in his favorite place-his gym. He leaves behind his wife, of 57 years, Mary Elizabeth Bullard; two children, Jeff (Ginger) Bullard and Jennifer (Jim) Brannon and three grandchildren, Jack, Charlie, and Morgan Brannon; half-brother, Richard Guizlo and half-sister, Diane Brown. The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 5 from 5 pm until 7 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 6 at 1 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Kirby Wood Baptist Church. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall".



## Tribute Wall

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BG

**Billy Garrett, Jr.** posted:

Gentle Giant. I was scared to death of him, but had the upmost respect for him. I am proud to say he was my PT instructor at the Memphis Police Department. I knew he was trying to help me stay alive in this new career of policing. I am alive, 45 years later, and still policing. Thank you Sir. Billy Garrett, Jr.

April 11 at 10:14 AM

KB

**Ky Belser** posted:

Please accept my condolences. I was greatly honored to have called Jim my friend who mentored me in a younger formative period in my life before I moved away from Memphis. He was truly legendary and I will always remember him in great reverence. Good bye old friend.

January 1 at 3:34 PM

FS

**Frank Strausser** posted:

To Jim, The Friend that I needed when I needed him the most! Even though I haven't seen you in a long time, you were always on my mind! Frank Strausser

October 7 at 6:28 AM

RS

**Rachel Shankman** posted:

Jim was an integral part of our life for the last three years. We looked forward to seeing him every M,W, F morning, not only for the workout he provided but to learn what he was reading. Jim had a keen intellect and in his own unique quiet way a deep kindness that one felt in his presence. He will be dearly missed. Rachel and Steve Shankman

October 5 at 1:45 PM

MC

**Mark Comes** posted:

Jim lived a life of kindness and support for all who knew him! This world could use many more like Jim. He will be missed, dearly. I know that Heaven is a richer place for having him there. I'm sure that he's sitting down with the Lord and organizing a new gym and exercise program for all of the saints. All my love to Mary and the family for your loss. Rest assured in God's promise, that we will be with Jim again in Glory. Most sincerely, Mark

October 5 at 6:57 AM



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JR

**John Raiford** posted:

I Fondly remember attending several of Lt. Bullard's self defense classes he conducted at my request for various local companies and groups. He always did an outstanding job on his presentations and the president of one professional group I invited to Memphis from Mobile, AL was so impressed with him, his group provided Lt. Bullard all trip expenses to make the same presentation to his professional group in Mobile. Jim was definitely a one of a kind asset and representative for the MPD and an individual of the absolute highest character and integrity.

October 5 at 5:28 AM

VS

**Vernell Stepter, Iii** posted:

Lt. Jim Bullard is the greatest Physical Training Instructor, who has ever served on the Memphis Police Department.

October 5 at 5:26 AM

TR

**Tommy Reynolds** posted:

Lt. Jim Bullard you provided life saving skills to police trainees and you were an inspiration with your firm training disciplines and your kind attitude. I appreciate your contributions to my career success. You were a winner and a champion. God bless you and your family. Lt. Tommy Reynolds, retired.

October 5 at 4:35 AM

DL

**Dianne Lester** posted:

It was an honor to meet Jim at Jeff and Ginger's wedding. I had heard lots about him from Jeff and Ginger. Mary, my love and prayers are with you today, tomorrow and the coming days as you find peace and comfort and as God leads you day by day. You both were a testimony with your love and marriage of 57 years. My prayers and thoughts are with you, Jeff and Jennifer.

October 5 at 3:31 AM



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