



## Sgt. James Thomas Farmer

December 8, 1944 - May 14, 2017

Mr. James Thomas "Sarge" Farmer 72 of East Ridge passed May 14, 2017. Mr. Farmer served his country with pride in the United States Marine Corp obtaining the rank of E-5. Mr. Farmer gave his heart and life to Christ several years ago. He loved to help other often putting their needs before his own. Sarge will be missed by all who knew him. Survivors are his caregivers Sabrina, Briana, Kayla and Jamell Tipton and a special niece and spouse Nina Wingo(Chris). Visitation will be Monday May 22, 2017 from 9am until 10am; Graveside service will be at 1030 am from the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the United States Marine Corp. Serving as Pallbearer's will be Warren Coker, Brandon Tredaway, Jim Boles, Randy Yarber, Jimmy Adams and Richard Cordell  
Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

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“ Well, I could write a lot about Sarge but I think there is a limit. I suppose the best memory I have is when I first met Sarge. I was assigned to the main floor and he was the OIC that night. I just kind of walked the dorms I was assigned and never really took a break. Sarge found me in dorm one and asked if I smoked. I told him no but was told to come on any way. As we stood outside Sarge asked me who would win in a fight between 74 inmates and 1 officer. I told him the inmates. All he said was "good at least your not a dumb a\$\$".

Sarge showed me a lot about being an officer and teaching me the tricks of the trade. Many thought he was hard and spoke to harsh, but he was always trying to teach the new officers how to survive in the system. From dealing with the inmates to dealing with the Warden he always trying to teach something. When I made Sargent I was placed on the same shift as Sarge and I sat next to him in briefing. I thought I had finally reached his caliber. As we started briefing he introduced me as the new Sargent and told everyone that I was learning and go to me for everything that needed handled. As the night went on I caught him sending officers to me and telling them to ask me some of the dumbest questions he could come up with to ask.

Sarge was me friend and my mentor. No one can ever replace him in my heart and I feel I have lost the best teacher I ever knew. I will miss him But I know I will see him again.

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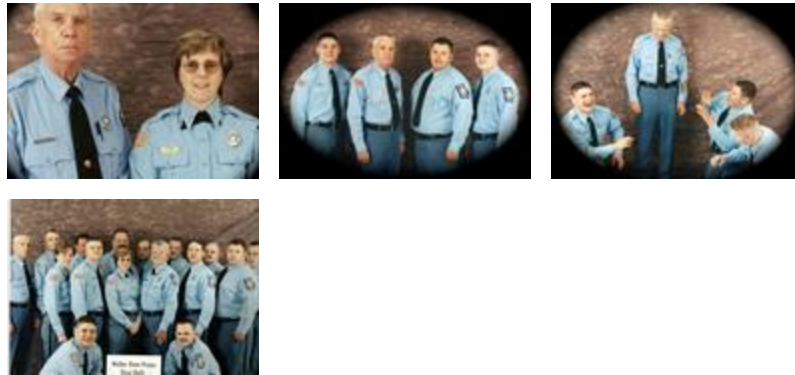
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“ Oh my, where to start. I guess with the important memories: I was honored to work with Sarge for many years at Walker State Prison. He loved his job. Every time, and I mean EVERY TIME, he'd see me at work the first thing he'd say is, "Is it true what I heard about you?" He knew I hated rumors, especially when they were directed at me. Lol. I talked to Sarge about the Lord on many occasions but the conversations never seemed to make an impression on him until a young officer, Michael Martin, was tragically taken in an automobile accident. There were 4 young Officers that Sarge grew to love. Michael was one of them. After Michael's death Sarge really began engaging in our conversations about Christ. One evening he called me and took me up on an invitation to go to church with me. He asked if I would buy him a Bible, which I was thrilled to do. Every Sunday morning for the next year or so we would meet for breakfast and the first thing I'd say to him was "Well, have you made a decision to follow Christ yet?" He'd chuckle and say not yet or almost. Lol. After church one morning I looked at him and asked, "Is there something you want to tell me?" I could literally tell by the look on his face that he had given his life to Christ and I began to tear up. He said, "I prayed and gave my life to Jesus in Sunday School." I was blessed to see the transformation! He got baptized the same day my husband did. He was affectionately called "Sarge" by everyone at church. Lol, I wonder how many even knew his real name. He made his love for the Lord know from day one. The hat he is wearing in the picture above says, "Jesus". A funny story: There was an officer at Walker that didn't like him. One night the officer accidentally left something he was writing on the desk at the Middle Gate and went to the bathroom. Sarge happened upon this letter and read it. The officer called Sarge an "Old Goat"!! Bahahaha, Sarge thought that was the funniest thing he had ever read!! We often joked about it and he get the biggest kick out of it. I loved Sarge dearly and will miss him, but only briefly because I will see him again.

See you later Sarge. Oh, and just incase you're wondering, I always hugged you as revenge for asking me if it was true what you heard

*about me. (Sarge hated to be hugged, lol) Hugging him was like hugging a tree. Lol*



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**Jeannette Fehr** - May 18, 2017 at 12:34 PM



*That's so awesome I didn't know a lot of this. I loved the time I got to work with him and got to know him...I will always have found memories. I look forward to meeting up with him again.. God Bless*

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**Brandon Treadaway** - May 18, 2017 at 03:04 PM