



## James Logan Lanier

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James Logan Lanier, 70, of Chickamauga, Georgia, passed away on Monday, December 8, 2025. Logan was born on July 27, 1955, to the late James and Elizabeth Lanier in Baumholder, Germany. He was part of a military family, and when he was able, he joined and served in the United States Army. Logan was one of our great American heroes. After his time in the Army, Logan worked for thirty-four years at the Georgia Department of Corrections, where he served as the Warden at several state prisons, including Walker State Prison in Rock Spring, Georgia. In his early years, he enjoyed woodworking and building things with his hands and he was a Mason. He was a proud Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Falcons fan. He always enjoyed watching them play. Logan was a brilliant man of integrity and character. If he said it, he meant it. He treated everyone equally and with kindness and compassion. Most of all, Logan was a godly man who loved the Lord and his family. He was a fantastic husband, father, and grandfather, and he enjoyed every moment he spent with his family. Logan was dearly loved by his family and all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Logan was preceded in death by his parents, James Calvin and Elizabeth Doris Lanier, and his brothers, Daniel Lanier and William Lanier.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Tina Kirby Lanier; children, Catessa (Jason) Vines of Chickamauga, Georgia, Casey (Justin) Newsome of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Kacey (Lee) House of Sitka, AK; sister, Gladys Newman of Statesboro, Georgia; grandchildren, Caleb Mangrum, Trinity Holland, Kairi Newsome, Jameson Newsome; and several nieces and nephews.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join us in remembering and honoring Logan on Monday, December 15, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until time of the service. The funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Following the funeral service we will proceed to Chattanooga National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee for a 2:00 p.m. burial. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404  
(423) 855-6590

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel  
555 West Cloud Springs Road  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-5555  
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

DEC 16. 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

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## Burial

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Tina, I just heard of Logan’s passing. Newell and I thought the world of Logan. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Love, ’Sandra Epperson

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**Sandra Epperson** - January 05 at 05:09 PM

JF

“ I'm rarely at a loss of words but ever since I found out Hospice was called for him, I've just been numb. Tonight I finally feel I can articulate my thoughts. It's been around 17 years since I've seen him but he is part of who I am today. Mr. Lanier was the first Deputy Warden who believed in my abilities as the Key and Tool Control Officer at Walker State Prison. He had more faith in me than I had in myself. He was an amazing Deputy Warden and then Warden. As I promoted up the ranks, under his leadership, he would take time to give me advice, good solid advice. The advice I remember to this day is; "Inmates are like a stream of water, they will follow the route of least resistance." Very true. One of my favorite memories was when the Store Lady, Allison Swearengin called me on the phone to tell me it appeared that the kitchen inmates were fixing to sneak a huge amount of contraband from the kitchen through the tray return window. The store window faced the kitchen. I told her I was going to go to the Laundry hallway and for her to call me when they handed the items off. I hung up and called Mr. Lanier because we were short staffed. He was all over this. As soon as I hung up Swearengin called and told me to hurry. These inmates didn't know what hit them. Staff was coming from every direction! Lol. They had used all the spaghetti hamburger meat to make hundreds of hamburgers! When all was said and done every inmate working the kitchen was locked down and a new kitchen crew installed. Lol. He was pretty freaking awesome. He was probably the only Warden who could chew me out and I'd leave his office thanking him. Lol. One day, as I was leaving his office from one of those sessions, I stopped at the door and turned around and said, "How do you do that? Chew me out and I leave like I won a prize. There is one thing I want to say to Tina there was no doubt of his love for you. You rocked his world. He was so proud of you! He bragged on you all the time to me. After I transferred to Hays State Prison and I'd talk to Tina I would always ask how he was doing. I was so excited when She told me he had given his life to Christ. Yea, I'm a much better person from having known James Logan Lanier. Much better. Hey Warden, I'll see you on the other side of my last earthly breath, you can bank on that!! I'm so sorry I can't make it down for the

*service. Funds are short and the roads are horrible in Northern Wisconsin. All my love and prayers go out to the family.*

**Jeannette Newman Fehr** - December 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ *Jamie, Shan, And Cody McRae lit a candle in memory of James Logan Lanier*



**Jamie, Shan, and Cody McRae** - December 11, 2025 at 09:20 PM

JM

“ *I'm so sorry!!! I know y'all are heart broken, because I am. He loved y'all more than anything, and spoke of y'all often...like everyday!!! Lol!!! Warden Lanier was such a honest man, who always had a story, or a joke to tell. He had one of the biggest laugh around, that was so contagious. When he smiled his whole face lit up, and would turned red. He was more than our Warden and friend...he was Family. Thanks for all the memories Warden...*

**Jamie, Shan, and Cody McRae** - December 11, 2025 at 09:18 PM

KD

“ *Kristen Darley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Logan Lanier.*

**Kristen Darley** - December 10, 2025 at 11:42 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James Logan Lanier.*



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December 10, 2025 at 11:42 PM



“ *Betty Bowman lit a candle in memory of James Logan Lanier*



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**Betty Bowman** - December 10, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Judy Frix lit a candle in memory of James Logan Lanier*



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**Judy Frix** - December 10, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Jason Vines lit a candle in memory of James Logan Lanier*



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**Jason Vines** - December 10, 2025 at 06:53 AM

EG

“ Edna Gideon lit a candle in memory of James Logan Lanier



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**edna gideon** - December 09, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ Oh Tina my heart breaks for you. What sweet memories I have of you and Logan in love like Dan and I were. Now there together watching over us girls. Love you wish I could take your pain cause oh God it's going to be ruff I'm here if you ever need me. Love you girl hang in there

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**joni music** - December 09, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ I'm so thankful that you chose me to be your daughter. ❤️



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**Casey Newsome** - December 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM