



James Joseph Veth Jr

December 14, 1983 - December 12, 2011

James Joseph Veth, Jr. died suddenly on December 12, 2011, taken too soon at the age of 26.

James was born on December 14, 1984 in Red Bank, NJ. He graduated from Middletown High School North in 2003 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp at Fort Dix on September 2nd, 2003 and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, attaining the rank of Lance Corporal. His specialty was as a Motor Vehicle Operator. He was honorably discharged on September 1st, 2007. James was decorated with the Iraqi Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Letter of Appreciation and Certificate of Appreciation.

James was a licensed scuba diver and enjoyed the Jersey Shore and the mystery of its waters. He was proud of his large and extended family and enjoyed hearing and telling stories of when he was a young boy living with so many aunts, uncles and cousins around. He enjoyed animals, often “borrowing” dogs from friends and family to take for walks. He had a way of making all critters feel comfortable in his presence. He even had a pet duck for a while.

James could make you smile even if you were mad at him. He had a big heart and whenever he could, he would help people out. He was straight up and honest, “telling you like it is”, and when he was able, he would be the one to take charge and handle or diffuse a situation.

James leaves behind so many people who love him and are proud of him. His “ahh come on” smile and eager blue eyes will be missed by one and all.

James was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Joan and Norton Smith and Frederick and Catherine Veth respectively. He is also predeceased by two Uncles Frederick E. Veth and Richard M. Veth.

James is survived by his mother Deborah Smith Dailey and his father James J. Veth, Sr., and his step father Howard Dailey. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles on both sides of his family, as well as a large number of cousins, extended relatives and friends.

Calling hours will be at the John P. Condon Funeral Home on Route 36 in Leonardo, NJ on Friday, December 16 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Saturday, December 17 at 11 a.m. with graveside service immediately following at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family is encouraging donations in James' honor to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org), 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. 877-832-6997

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Events

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Visitation

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John P. Condon Funeral Home, LLC

804 Highway #36 P.O. Box 354, Leonardo, NJ, US, 07737

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Service

11:00AM

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St. Agnes Church

103 Center Ave, Atlantic Highlands, NJ, US, 07716

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Howard Dailey - February 24, 2012 at 11:30 PM



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Smithmaryceline - December 21, 2011 at 06:57 PM



“ Dear Debby and Family,

I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved son James. We have lost touch and I miss you very much....I know there are know words to make this better, but I am praying for you all. May the peace and comfort of the Lord be with you.

Robyne Hastick
Middletown Senior Center



robyme hastick - December 21, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ I never thought I would have a little brother, but I am so glad I did get you when your mom married my father. I thought you were a brave young man when you served in the Marines, but you came out a great hero in my eyes. I loved talking to you on the phone so many times in the past few months, I will always treasure those memories

of that. I am so sorry you didn't get to meet your niece Dazi like you wanted after the holidays, but I know you will keep watch over all of us now. I will never forget the times you spent at my house, with Daniel and Tyler, they spoke so highly of you to everyone they were so proud of Uncle James. Your blue eyes and your laugh, will be missed but never forgotten. Love you so very much your sister Malisa (Moe) Dailey-Burdick



Malisa Dailey-Burdick - December 20, 2011 at 11:29 PM



“ James Eulogy December 17, 2011

Can we just take a moment to acknowledge the incredible strength and enormous love James' cousin Noah has for him...to write and then speak those beautiful words? Thank you Noah.

Let us start by finding agreement. Let's agree that we shouldn't be here. That this shouldn't be happening. That this is out of order.

James leaving us so suddenly has made us feel sad, confused, angry even. We question everything, we wonder why and how could this have happened. It is just so unfair.

No matter how much we try to make sense of it all, we will not because losing someone so young makes no sense. We will not find any answers and this confounds us...

So what do we do about this? How do we possibly move forward?

We can't control these things, much as we wish we could. But we can control, decide, agree on what we do with the information, what do with what we learned from James, what James meant to us, the memories he has left us with.

Thankfully we have each other and we share the collective love we have for James. Look what he has done. He brought us all together, such a large family and so many friends, both so important to him.

Today we celebrate James' life as well as his love of family and commitment to friends and loyalty to his country. By being together we honor James with the respect he so richly deserves and yet so often rejected.

If we asked you to described James what would you say? What would you say? Or

you? Or you?

Chances are you will all come up with the same two or three sentiments shared by so many of you these past few days. You would say that James was brave. You would say that James was loyal. You would say that James always looked out for the little guy, the one in need.

How do we know this? Ask anyone and they'll tell you a story. Perhaps the story of when he broke up a fight to defend a friend, or a cousin or even a perfect stranger.

James stood up. He stood up for what was right...whether protecting a stranger who needs his help or defending our country. He was selfless in his reactions and actions.

James mattered to us, as much as family mattered to him.

Caring and love show up in a variety of ways and with James sometimes it was with humor, sometimes with blunt or honest words that we perhaps didn't want to, but sometimes, needed to hear.

He had that unique way of fitting in with everyone no matter where he was whether it was at the Veth's house or the Smith's house. This continued for the rest of his life and he was truly adored by his aunts, uncles and especially his many cousins.

And he loved being with his cousins which was good because he had a lot of them. We counted it up and between the Veth and Smith Families, James has over 60 first cousins! On Thanksgiving at the Veth's house he would join his cousins in the annual Thanksgiving Day walk around the neighborhood. Could you imagine the size of that crowd! A glorious parade of family.

James was generous. As a small child growing up in the Smith Family Home he would observe and enjoy the coming and goings and stories of so many aunts, uncles, cousins and more. He shared everything he had with those around him... especially his toys. On Christmas Day he would have to share his freshly opened toys with all his young cousins who were visiting...and rather than say "mine, mine" as his toys were grabbed and played with, he shared the toys with no complaint. He reveled in sharing...almost amazed that others could find the same joy in playing with his toys as he did.

His loyalty to friends and family was unquestioned. He was the defender, no two ways about it. If you had a problem or found yourself in a situation....James had your back.

It was no wonder James went into service as a US Marine. This country scored another brave American and in James they picked a good one. His time in Iraq, as was true for many soldiers, was horrific. He came back, thankfully, but not uninjured. His struggles since his return, and with his brain injury, created challenges that few among us could overcome. And yet, James contin



“ Sorry friends, this Eulogy keeps getting cut short-if anyone would like a copy, please email me-maryceline@bellsouth.net. These beautiful words have helped heal so many. Thank you.

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“ Jacqueline Kane lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Jacqueline Kane - December 20, 2011 at 12:07 AM



“ Eryn And Joe Hudson lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Eryn and Joe Hudson - December 19, 2011 at 08:42 PM



“ Debbie and All, I want to say how saddened I was to hear and the very special memories I hold dear of having visits when our boys were small together. I love you James and I love you all.

Stacy Smith (cousin)

stacy smith & arthur & adam reyenger - January 12, 2012 at 03:00 PM



“ Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr





“ JAMES' FUNERAL SPEECH-written by Noah Chidoub

James was a great man. We all know that he had served his country through war, and that whatever he saw was not meant to be seen by any human. My guess is that these images just shut down his system, and now we are here. Yes, the way that I had put it sounds pretty bad. But, if you think about it, James died because he wanted his loved ones and everybody around him safe. He wanted for us to be protected, and did whatever that meant. Although I didn't get to see him as much as I wanted to, I still hear stories about him. That he was a great man. He is more of a man than anyone here. If we aren't thankful for him and everyone like him, then we deserve everything that this poor man had to go through 10-fold. We cannot look back on this man's history and weep about his untimely fate. We must look back on this man and think that if it weren't for him and people like him, we probably would live in a world that nobody wants. So I ask you today to bow your heads in respect, and spread any and all kind words you have to your fellow family members. But tomorrow, and the days to come, I ask that you walk with your head high, and your spirits up, for although this man isn't here to witness it, we live in a world made so much better than we would, because of him. Know that this man died a hero, and knowing that we all loved him and truly appreciated his contribution to this twisted, weird, crazy, fantastic world.

At this time, we ask that all veterans and servicemen, please rise, so that we can honor you and thank you for your service to our country.

Smithmaryceline - December 19, 2011 at 11:41 AM



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Rachel C Smith-Sinagra - December 19, 2011 at 10:36 AM



“ Kathy DeVincens lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr





“ Stein lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Stein - December 19, 2011 at 08:19 AM



“ Lisa Hennessey lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Lisa Hennessey - December 19, 2011 at 08:17 AM



“ Mary C. Millan lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Mary C. Millan - December 19, 2011 at 07:59 AM



“ McCloskey Family lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



McCloskey Family - December 18, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ Melissa L Conover lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Melissa L Conover - December 18, 2011 at 08:49 AM



“ Andrea Smith lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Andrea Smith - December 17, 2011 at 04:55 AM



“ Dan Turner lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Dan Turner - December 17, 2011 at 01:15 AM



“ Elizabeth Schofield lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Elizabeth Schofield - December 16, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ Kyle Smith lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Kyle Smith - December 16, 2011 at 07:44 AM



“ Debby & Cousins, I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort in the love and support of family and friends. My heart and prayers are with you all.
-Kelly (6-3)



Kelly Smith - December 16, 2011 at 05:51 AM



“ To the parents & family of James,
You probably don't know me, but my son, LCPL Christopher Bergin, served with James in Iraq. Chris was also in Motor Transport, out of Red Bank, NJ, as a USMC Reservist, having served 2 tours in Iraq, one in 2003 upon onset of war & second in 2005. Chris told me he recently had been in contact with James, as he had met up with him in the VA @ Lyons & more recently had been in contact with him via

facebook/email. My son is a 29 yr. old 100% service connected disabled combat veteran, who has suffered physical, but mostly psychological issues following his deployments, resulting in PTSD & TBI, as well as other issues. We have struggled as a family since 2003 as Chris has struggled individually. It breaks my heart to hear of your son's passing, as I have so feared the same "early departure" for my own son. I never met James, but I do believe he was as courageous & dedicated as my own son was to their "calling" and/or mission(s) serving the USMC & our country. None of us could ever know what our sons experienced & endured "over there". I do believe we should be so proud of them for their service & caring. It is so very tragic that they have suffered so deeply as a result of that service & caring. Chris has told me what a nice guy James was & how alike they were in many ways.

I send you my deepest regrets, having lost James at such a young age. Perhaps the Good Lord has spared him further pain in calling him home so soon. I pray for you & your family that the Lord will sustain you, comfort you & surround you with His unfailing & perfect LOVE as you endure this difficult time. God bless you & keep you,
SEMPER FI,

Very truly yours, because of Jesus,
donna bergin
(John 3:16)

donna bergin - December 15, 2011 at 11:44 PM



“ Dear Donna, I am James' aunt, his Mom's sister. My personal email address is maryceline@bellsouth.net. I would love to have the opportunity to speak with you personally. Please know that myself as well as every member of my family and all of our friends are praying for your son to leave this horrible war behind him and move through life as peacefully as possible. Your letter will be an wake up call to many as the emotional scars of our servicemen and woman are not addressed as they should be. A delicate subject indeed, and now one that is closer to my heart than ever. Thank you for your prayers-they are much needed and very appreciated.

Smithmaryceline - December 19, 2011 at 11:47 AM



“ Alexia Veth lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Alexia Veth - December 15, 2011 at 09:35 PM



“ I love you cousin

Alexia - December 15, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Adam Rhiannon And Dylan lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



Adam Rhiannon and Dylan - December 15, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ Sharon Graziano Torick lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



sharon Graziano Torick - December 15, 2011 at 06:34 PM



“ Debby, I am so, so sorry to hear this tragic news. I remember when James was a baby and enjoyed seeing him, you and Chet during many visits to "the big house" back in the 80's. Lots of love and hugs to you at this time, and in the new year.

Amy Patten Goddard - December 15, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ our heart cries for you...trish pisarcik and children..

tricia olshan pisarcik - December 15, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ Tricia Olshan Pisarcik lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Veth Jr



tricia olshan pisarcik - December 15, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ To the Family of Marine Veth,

I wish to offer our condolences from my entire membership for your loss.

Once a Marine, Always a Marine!

Semper Fi,
Craig P. Reeling
Past Commandant 2008-2010
Jersey Shore Leathernecks Detachment 1313
Long Branch, New Jersey
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
www.NJMarines.org

Craig Reeling - December 15, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ Rest in Peace



Nolan Family - December 15, 2011 at 01:14 AM



“ James, you were in our lives for over 20 years, but you will be in our hearts forever.
Love, Andrea, David, Jessica and George Szanto

Andrea Szanto - December 14, 2011 at 04:38 PM



“ Andrea, this is Mary. It was so great to finally meet you as James spoke of you and your family so often to me. I have posted a copy of James' Eulogy as well as the tribute from his cousin Noah, that I read at the church. This tragedy has brought us all together, and I know personally of 4 lives that have changed for the better since attending the funeral service. People are reconnecting and forgiving and cherishing each other, as they should. I will be honoring James every day through my actions and words-I pray that we all can. I know that I gave you my email address, but just in case maryceline@bellsouth.net. I thank you for the incredible love, and understanding you gave to my nephew, we will always be grateful.

XOXO

Smithmaryceline - December 19, 2011 at 11:52 AM



“ John P. Condon Funeral Home made a contribution of \$260 to help preserve this legacy online.

John P. Condon Funeral Home - December 14, 2011 at 01:44 PM



“ James, I write this with a heavy heart.....you will be missed so much by Justin and I....you where always a welcome sight at my door...your smile would light the room...man you would make me laugh...never knew when you would show up...I would just open the door and there you where....call on the phone and I would ask ok where are you now....well now I know where you arein the arms of angels...may God keep & bless your soul.....James ...I love you and will miss you in my life..

Ali Van Benecholton.

Ali Van Benecholton - December 15, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ God Bless your soul, James..
Bob and Jeannette Watson

Robert George Watson - December 16, 2011 at 09:09 AM



“ Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about your son. If you ever need to to talk get my number from Jen at West Ave. So Sorry Love Linda Hockin. May God Give You Love and keep you strong through this hard time.

Linda Hockin - December 17, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ I am an old friend of your Aunt Karen's and am so sorry the Veth Family has more sadness to endure. May their faith and beautiful spirit help everyone heal from this tragic loss.

eileen wilkinson - December 18, 2011 at 08:39 AM



“ To the Condon family-your love and support and help through this tragedy is so appreciated. Thank you.

Smithmaryceline - December 19, 2011 at 11:53 AM