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# James "Jim" Scott Flessa

March 22, 1967 - October 18, 2022

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## Obituary

Please share a memory of James "Jim" to include in a keepsake book for family and friends.

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James Scott Flessa, age 55, of Russellville, MO passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Jefferson City, MO on March 22, 1967, to Lowell and Virginia (Johnson) Flessa. James was a 1985 graduate of Cole R-1 (Russellville) High School.

James had many childhood dreams and he fulfilled one of them in February 1986 when he enlisted in the United States Army. He served his country from 1986-1996 before being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. During his time in the army, he accomplished many things such as successfully completing the Airborne Training Course and the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School. He participated in the Persian Gulf War (1990-1991) and Operation Safe Haven in Panama (1994). Other notable accomplishments were guarding the Berlin wall while stationed in Germany and serving a year in South Korea at Camp Casey, located along the South and No Korean borders.

Upon leaving the Army, James accomplished another childhood dream by becoming a Cole County Sheriff's Deputy in the Patrol Division in 1996. James was a dedicated and passionate law enforcement officer. He received many awards and honors for his service but the work he was most proud of was DWI enforcement and his work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This work earned him the National MADD Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award in 2006. James also served as a Standard Field Sobriety Test instructor at the Missouri Sheriff's Association Academy. James loved the men and women he served with and missed them dearly when he retired in April 2022.

James loved serving his country and community but he loved his family even more. James married his high school sweetheart, Becky (Crain) Flessa, on February 25, 1987 and remained her devoted husband until the time of his death. James had a big personality and a contagious laugh. He was often described as "unique" by family and friends because of his diverse interests. He loved riding motorcycles and dirt bikes with his wife and grandchildren, working on small engines and old cars, teaching his grandsons how to turn a wrench, movie time with his grandchildren, and cuddling with his wife on the couch. He also loved riding in parades with his grandchildren, taking them for drives in the Scooby Doo (Subaru) with the music turned up loud or taking them through town in his Model A. He loved discussing politics, thought perhaps there could be UFOs, and served as a weatherman for his family and coworkers. He thought his daughters were second to none, had great respect for his sons-in-laws, and the pleasure his grandchildren brought him cannot be described.

James is survived in death by his wife Becky, daughter Jamie Henry (Josh), daughter Stormy Kempker (Brandon), grandchildren; Eden, Phoenix, Cruze, Hayden, and Liam. He is also survived in death by his sisters; Debbie Flessa, Debbie Crane, Kathy Zumwalt (Kevin) and brother, Tom Flessa as well as nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin (Lowell) and Virginia Flessa, and two brothers, Larry Crane and David Flessa.

Visitation will be held 11 AM-1 PM at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City, MO. A funeral service will immediately follow. Graveside service and interment will follow at the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Eugene, MO.

To view the livestream of this funeral service:  
Visit the online obituary posting for James Flessa at [www.millardfamilychapels.com](http://www.millardfamilychapels.com). Select the "Tribute Wall" tab and click "Watch now" on the Live Webcast video player. Please note that streaming will not be available until the time of the service. A playback of the webcast will remain on the website following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Gary Sinise Foundation or the MADD Organization

Arrangements are under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 (573) 636-3838. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.millardfamilychapels.com](http://www.millardfamilychapels.com).

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### OCT 24 Visitation

🕒 Monday, October 24, 2022  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

📍 Houser-Millard  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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### OCT 24 Funeral Services

🕒 Monday, October 24, 2022  
1:00PM

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