



## Ret. Sr. Officer James C. Hairrell

June 15, 2023

Retired Senior Police Officer James C. Hairrell passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Hairrell, Daughter, Kim Hairrell, and numerous friends. He joined the Houston Police Department on April 1, 1974, Academy Class #64. During his tenure with the department, he was assigned to the Southeast Division, Jail Division, Crime Analysis Division, Special Operations Division, Organizational Development Command, and Training Division. Senior Police Officer Hairrell retired on March 29, 2003. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was honored to be a “Mustang” serving 40 years almost equally as enlisted and officer. He retired in 2002 as a Lt. Colonel. He enjoyed a variety of hobbies to include camping, boating, antique cars, photography, ham radio and scuba diving.

If you are attending the graveside service, the family asks that you dress comfortable, due to the excessive heat. Please park in lane 1 upon arrival and do NOT arrive more than 15 minutes early.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY IN HIS HONOR.

Following the ceremony at Houston National Cemetery, please join the family for a Celebration of Life, with lunch provided, at Rudy's Country Store, 24503 Tomball Parkway, Tomball, TX 77377.

Condolences of the Addison family and staff go out to family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038

*James has been cremated and his urn will be placed at Houston National Cemetery. Following the ceremony, please join us in a Celebration of Life, with lunch provided, at Rudy's Country Store, 24503 Tomball Parkway, Tomball, TX 77377.*

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ JC . . . It's been a couple years now since your passing. You were a true professional who helped me along in many programs. I truly loved your passion for fitness and, believe me, that inspired the entire 147th Security Forces. You will never be forgotten as not just a commander, but a true friend. Continue resting, my friend. You deserve a break. I'm thinking you were needed up in Heaven to begin a fitness program and keep the esprit de corps moving. Sherry . . . You had one heck of a guy and must be proud of him. He's up in Heaven, waiting for a visit.

*Most Sincerely,  
John Kraft  
147th SFS Retired*

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**John Kraft** - August 26, 2025 at 12:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret. Sr. Officer James C. Hairrell.

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June 25, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ret. Sr. Officer James C. Hairrell.



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June 25, 2023 at 01:15 PM

SC

“ Sherry, after we first met in 1993, we established a friendship that would lead to many shared celebrations and fun times. This would include birthdays, get-togethers, college graduations (see attached photos), etc. We quickly learned that we had so much in common with you and JC which led us to enjoy each other’s company over the years. JC’s life experiences would always provide enlightenment and made for interesting conversation. His sense of humor, his love of his Packard, 5th wheel adventures and photography, were easily complimented by his “do-it-yourself” enthusiasm. We will all miss JC ... may he rest in peace.

Love you,  
Sylvia and John Cantu



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**Sylvia Cantu** - June 24, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JK

JC . . . You’re definitely one of a kind my friend. A true inspiration for those of us in Security Police. It was you who motivated me in the fitness realm. You inspired so many folks on the tactical side. Rest well now. You deserve a break.

John Kraft  
147th Security Police Retired

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**John Kraft** - June 28, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JA

“ RIP, See you on the other side. JAS class 64.

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**JAS** - June 22, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *This message is sent with much condolences to Sherry, Kim, & the rest of the Hairrell family. I am retired sergeant Mike Price & worked closely with J.C, at the HPD Academy. In all those years, I only knew J.C. as an extreme professional, who was always eager to train and teach. He was always positive, a great team member & a keen sense of humor. You had a super husband & Dad. Any Police department would be fortunate & blessed to have someone like J.C. May our Lord bless you & keep you close in the days ahead.*

Mike Price - June 19, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ret. Sr. Officer James C. Hairrell.*



June 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ret. Sr. Officer James C. Hairrell.*

June 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM