



Alvin "JR" E. Downes Jr.

October 18, 1958 - February 5, 2025

Alvin Elmer "JR" Downes, Jr. of Laurel, Delaware, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Brenda, his high school sweetheart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Doris Downes of Delmar. JR served in the United States Coast Guard for over 20 years traveling up and down the East Coast until he retired in 1998. He loved to watch old westerns, football, and was a die-hard Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan. He loved music, tinkering with projects, and was a true believer of the Lord.

He was a family man, and his granddaughter Makenzie was the apple of his eye. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Tonya (Jamie) of Wellington, Florida; his son Jason (Kristin) of Laurel, Delaware; granddaughter Makenzie, brothers Douglas (Cathy), Alan (Barbara), Kipp (Michelle), Gerry (Patti) and Darrell. JR also leaves behind two aunts, Charlotte and Fran, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A service will be held at 1pm on Monday, February 17, 2025, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, Delaware.

Following the service family and friends are welcome to join together for a time of fellowship at Melson's Church Community Building on Melson Road in Delmar.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Odd Fellows Lodge 27, P.O. Box 146, Laurel, DE 19956 for the kindness they have shown to JR with a ramp built especially for him and medical equipment for his use.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Previous Events

Service

FEB **17**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE

Tribute Wall

TO

“ *Tonya lit a candle in memory of Alvin "JR" Downes*



Tonya - February 13, 2025 at 06:22 PM

KH

“ *Kay Short- Habig lit a candle in memory of Alvin "JR" Downes*



Kay Short- Habig - February 12, 2025 at 09:42 AM

KH

“ *So sorry to hear of JR's passing. Condolences going out to all of his family and friends. God Bless you all.*

*Kay Short- Habig
Delmar, De.*

Kay Sort- Habig - February 12, 2025 at 09:41 AM

BR

“ *Bren❤️ lit a candle in memory of Alvin "JR" Downes*



Bren❤️ - February 10, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JA

“ *Jason lit a candle in memory of Alvin "JR" Downes*



Jason - February 10, 2025 at 03:41 PM

MA

“ *Makenzie lit a candle in memory of Alvin "JR" Downes*



Makenzie - February 10, 2025 at 03:39 PM