



James Shea

M-14937

James Shea, 74 of South Hadley, Massachusetts passed away at his home on January 14th, 2026. James enlisted in the U.S. Army and volunteered for Special Forces duty. In 1970 he earned his qualification as a Special Forces Aidman and was assigned to the 5th SFG(A). James was discharged from active duty in 1974 and enrolled in the University of Massachusetts where he earned his nursing degree. He worked for over 20 years at Providence Hospital in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife (Kim) and son (Jason). A Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Name Catholic Church in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 23rd, 2026.

James Patrick Shea

January 14, 2026

South Hadley, Massachusetts

5th SFG(A)

SFA Member at Large, #M-14937

James (J.P.) Patrick Shea born on April 19, 1951, in Springfield Ma, passed away peacefully at home on January 14th, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones. He was the devoted husband to Kim Shea and a cherished father to Jason.

J.P. was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Catherine (Quinn) Shea, his aunt Katharine Shea and brothers Robert and Michael Shea. He leaves behind his loving siblings, Margaret McCarthy (Tim), Maura Ollari, Kathryn Shea, Brendan Shea, Deidre Tougias (David), Nona Fenton (Paul), Teresa Brown (Todd) as well as sisters-in-law Patty Shea, Margaret Gordon and Darlene Chalifoux (Mark), and brother-in-law, Bob Guerin (Becki). He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

J.P. Served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Special Forces Medic, A team, 5th group. His time spent with the Special Forces led him to serve in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

J.P. Graduated from UMass, Amherst and continued his studies earning a B.S. In nursing. He dedicated over 20 years working with pediatric/adolescent patients at Providence Hospital, Holyoke, Ma.

J.P. had a passion for football and golf, but his greatest joy came from his deep devotion to his wife Kim and son Jason.

A Funeral Mass in his honor will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at Holy Name Church, located at 323 Dickinson Street, Springfield Mass. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.