



## James Lauren Folsom JR

July 7, 1967 - September 3, 2024

James Lauren Folsom, Jr., a dedicated public servant and beloved family man, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2024 at the age of 57. Born on July 7, 1967 in Marianna Florida, “Larry” (as he preferred to be called) grew up in Tallahassee, Florida and chose to serve his country at a young age, enlisting in the United States Navy at 17.

Following his honorable discharge, Larry continued his commitment to service by joining the Leon County Sheriff's Office on July 11, 1988. Over the next 30 years, he dedicated himself to protecting and serving his community, working in a variety of roles within the department. His colleagues remember him for his unwavering professionalism, his strong work ethic, and his compassionate heart. While pursuing his career in law enforcement, Larry also was very involved in various martial arts communities. He earned a black belt in both Judo and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and enjoyed being a referee at MMA fights. In addition, Larry was an active volunteer with St. Francis Wildlife and considered it to be his duty to cut fishing wire, stop for turtles, and pick up trash while he was exploring outdoors. He would regularly remind people to keep turtles moving in the same direction that they had been traveling and not to turn them around.

Outside of his professional life and hobbies, Larry was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Maria,

his two children, Rebecca Folsom McCoy and Wesley Folsom, and his two cherished grandchildren, Debra and Malcolm McCoy. He is also survived by his mother, Ruth Smith, and his two sisters Theresa Folsom and Cinnamon Walker. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on October 19, 2024 from 4-6 PM at Northside Community Center which is located at 8005 Oak Grove Rd, Tallahassee, Florida 32312. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Francis Wildlife in Larry Folsom's memory.

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, FL. 850.610.4444

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Northside Community Center  
8005 Oak Grove Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lauren Folsom JR.*

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**Melissa B.** - October 19, 2024 at 06:46 AM



“ *Larry proudly showing his SCUBA certifications in Panama City - you are SO missed, Larry!*



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**Gabrielle Gabrielli** - October 18, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Felipe Neto & Zicro Jiu Jitsu Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lauren Folsom JR.*

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**Felipe Neto & Zicro Jiu Jitsu Family.** - October 18, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Lauren Folsom JR.*



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October 18, 2024 at 01:58 PM

SA

“ Larry & I were only just a little more than FB friends. We only met in person during an ABC conference, but I enjoyed every interaction I had with him. He was interesting, know a lot about SO many things, funny, and thoughtful. I miss seeing his posts about his excursions & findings and his insight into combat sports. My prayers are with his family and friends (human & animal).

Susan Atkins - October 18, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MA

“ Larry, sorry I didn't get to spend more time with you but somehow I feel you are okay with that since we don't like people or noise or anything else. Although our time was short together, I feel like we have great moments, I enjoyed our tour at St Francis wildlife, I love your excitement for making knives and kilts and finding old bottles. I share your beliefs in saving animals. And when I'm having fond memories of you, my favorite one will be those damn delicious cinnamon rolls at Trident- both secretly wanting to lick the plate - but didn't. From you sir, I have learned life is too short, live it to the fullest and lick the plate! Mary

Mary - October 18, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JL

“ I worked with Larry on the US Marshals fugitive task force, he was a solid operator and I never had a doubt that he was ready and capable to handle whatever we ran into. He will be missed.



Jason Laursen - October 16, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CG

“ *Combat Sports Officials Facebook Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Lauren Folsom JR.*



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**Combat Sports Officials Facebook Group** - October 01, 2024  
at 05:53 PM

CG

“ *Combat Sports Officials Facebook Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lauren Folsom JR.*

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**Combat Sports Officials Facebook Group** - October 01, 2024 at 05:53 PM

BF

“ *Larry was a solid guy. He will be missed.* 🗨️

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**Ben and the Burke family** - September 24, 2024 at 12:46 PM

IS

“ *Larry has been a huge influence in my career as a ref. I will forever be grateful for his friendship. He will be missed by many.*

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**Isiah** - September 24, 2024 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Isiah C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lauren Folsom JR.*

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**Isiah C.** - September 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KC

“ *Karin Clausen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Lauren Folsom JR.*



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**Karin Clausen** - September 23, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Larry was a Hoot to have as a neighbor. I miss him.*

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**John Bailey** - September 19, 2024 at 01:25 PM

GD

“ *Larry was an angel and loved to help people and animals. Now he has graduated and received his heavenly wings. He will be missed by many, but the Lord welcomed him with open arms.*

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**Georgia Bahr Dowell** - September 12, 2024 at 09:48 AM