



Vincent James Van Houten

March 13, 1962 - November 29, 2025

Vincent James Van Houten, 63, of Summerville, SC, passed away on November 29, 2025. Born on March 13, 1962, in Des Moines, Iowa, he was the son of the late Larry Reece and Carlene Reece.

Vincent lived a life full of energy, laughter, and faith. He loved the outdoors—whether he was hunting, deep-sea fishing, or firing up the grill for friends and family. His outgoing personality and “life of the party” spirit made him a joy to be around.

Vincent served honorably in the United States Air Force. Following his military service, he built a career in cybersecurity. He first worked for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in Washington, D.C., before relocating to Charleston. From 1995 until his retirement in 2025, Vincent held several leadership roles at the Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic. One of his proudest accomplishments was helping to launch the Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition in 2013, where he served as its first Deputy Director. His knowledge and personality made a lasting impact on all who crossed paths with him.

He is survived by his loving children: Nicholas Van Houten, Dana Van Houten, and Kiersten Deckard; as well as his dear friends, Russell and Lisa Barnes. He was preceded in death by his loving parents; as well as his sister, Kimberly

Reece.

Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent James Van Houten



James A Dyal Funeral Home - December 06, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ Still trying to process Vince passing on. Talked to him nearly every day for his last couple of months while he was at work. He promised me that he was gonna stay busy hunting, fishing, or doing outdoorsy kinds of things. What a great guy. I guess he needed to go find some bigger game somewhere else.

To is family and close friends, I hope you find some semblance of peace.

RonG - December 27, 2025 at 03:25 PM



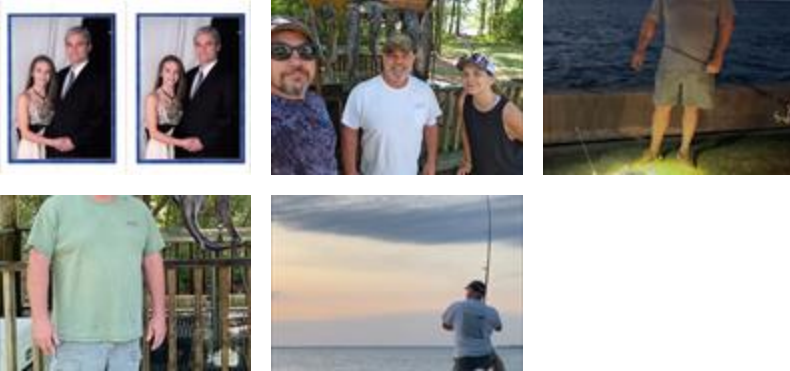
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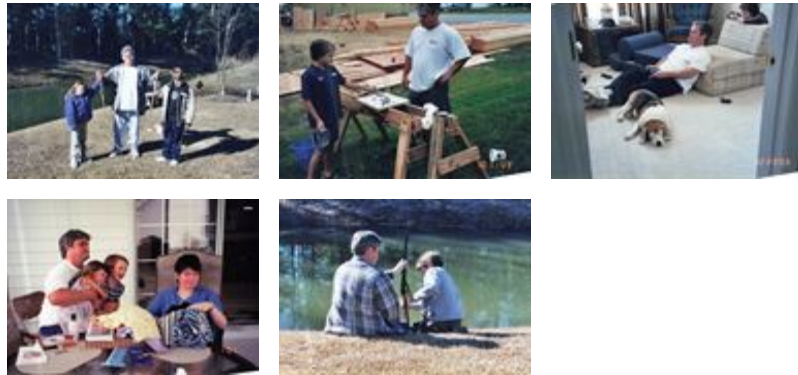
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James A Dyal Funeral Home - December 06, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ I just heard of Vince's passing from a mutual friend in Charleston and I wanted to reach out to share my condolences with his loved ones. From when I started working at NIWC until I departed, Vince was a kind friend. We didn't have a many projects together at work, but I always enjoyed his company when we ran into each other.

*Thinking of you all during this difficult time,
Shawn Zwach*

Shawn Zwach - December 04, 2025 at 05:30 PM



Thank you for the kind words, Shawn.

Dana Marie - December 05, 2025 at 11:03 PM

MT

I had the pleasure of both working with Vince a few times over the years and always knew he was someone to count on. We became friends over this span and I always enjoyed running into him at work.

Sleep well old friend. You will be missed.

Michael Thomas - December 06, 2025 at 11:27 AM

CM

For the last 5 years, we've been blessed to have Vince as our neighbor and friend. He was always there for us and we for him. He was such a kind soul and made us smile with each interaction. Rest in Our Lord and Savior. We will see you again. So happy that we were able to meet Dana and Nick.. Peace, Love and Joy...Martin and Christine Moran

Christine Moran - December 06, 2025 at 07:34 PM