

~ James A. Lovell Jr.

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James A. Lovell Jr., commander of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission that returned safely to Earth after a near-fatal explosion in space, died on Thursday at age 97. A veteran NASA astronaut, Lovell was hailed for his calm leadership during the 1970 crisis, later immortalized by Tom Hanks in Apollo 13. His legacy endures in the history of space exploration.



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