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DECATUR- James "Jim" Harold Kirby, 65, of Decatur passed away on Friday, Sept 25, 2015 at Decatur Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. Jim was born June 26, 1950 in Decatur to Jesse Edward and Eleanor (Leach) Kirby. He grew up in Decatur graduating from Macon High School in 1969. He was a member of the United States Navy and a Vietnam Veteran. He married Toni (Starwalt) Shelton in 1972 and together they had two children, Brandon (Jaime) Kirby and Kara Kirby. In 1986, he married Leslie (Lawson) Kirby and together they had Ryan Kirby. Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandpa. He worked his entire life in the foundry industry starting at Wagner Castings Company in Decatur after high school until closure. Later, he worked at Grede Foundry and retired in 2014 from Neenah Foundry in Wisconsin. In his free time he loved to play golf and was an avid drag racing enthusiast.

Jim leaves behind his children, sons Brandon (Jaime) Kirby and Ryan Kirby of Decatur, daughter Kara Kirby of the Netherlands; sisters Linda (Larry) Mayberry, Marilyn (Bob) McCoy and Marcia Kirby all of Decatur and sister-in-law Linda Kirby of Decatur; Brothers Bob (Laurie) Kirby of Florida, Gary (Kathy) Kirby of Decatur, Larry (Phyllis) Kirby of Kentucky and Bill (Shirley) Kirby of Decatur; 6 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and nephew Brad Kirby.

Services will be held at 10 am Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Moran and Goebel Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 Wednesday at the Moran and Goebel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Camp Butler National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Team 35 Project Linus Program or to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at DMH CCU and St. Mary's



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Hospital for the care given during his stay. The family also appreciates all of the special people along the way who assisted him, thought of Jim, prayed and surrounded us with heartfelt love during this difficult time.

Click here to view Jim's Video Tribute:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/94J73NYMF9YRWZ2J>



Tribute Wall

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SB

Stacy Beattie posted:

Just learned of Jim passing today! Very sad he was a good man. Worked with him at mennie machine company. Got to go with him on work trip to Indianapolis. Was such a great memory I will ever forget. Sorry for his loss!

January 7 at 1:37 PM

JC

Jeff Cochran posted:

Jim gave me an opportunity at Wagner Castings. That always meant a lot to me. He will be remembered by me as a friend and a good guy. My condolences to his family. Jeff Cochran Christiansburg, VA

September 29 at 8:30 AM

AT

Alberta Stymets Tague posted:

Condolences to the entire Kirby family especially Linda, Bob, Gary and Kathy with whom I was classmates in school and neighbor. So sorry to learn of your loss and I know Jim will be greatly missed Alberta Stymets Tague Springville, TN 38256

September 28 at 7:23 AM

HL

Hal Lamb posted:

To the Kirby family thoughts and prayers for your loss LARRY AND GARY who I knew best the loss of a brother is always hard for the time I knew him he was a good and funny person may god be with you Hal Lamb

September 28 at 5:13 AM

NL

Nancy Lukens posted:

Jim was so very special to us, as is all my cousins! We are so going to miss him! Prayers for my Family!

September 27 at 8:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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