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Decatur – James E. “Jim” Rambo, 77, of Decatur, Passed away at 7:05 am Saturday, March 14, 2009 at St. Mary’s Hospital.

Services celebrating Jim’s life will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family request casual attire. Interment will be at Harristown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association or to Heartland Community Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Jim was born on May 9, 1931 in Decatur, the son of Wade and Emma (Monska) Rambo. He married Glenda Gass on October 25, 1957 in Decatur. She preceded him in death on December 25, 1994. Jim proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from the ADM West Plant with over 30 years of dedicated service. His hobbies included show cars and he regularly attended classic car shows and stock car races. Jim loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his three sons: Michael (Julie) Rambo of Argenta, Rod (Shiela) Rambo of Macon, and Wade (Amy) Rambo of Decatur, four grandchildren: Zachary Rambo, Jordan Rambo, Morgan Rambo, and Jacob Rambo.

He was reunited in heaven with his wife: Glenda, parents, two brothers, and one sister.



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DR

Dave Rambo posted:

I know how much you loved your car shows and mud slinging trucks. I remember back in the late 80's driving from Florida to Mt Zion to visit you. I had just married my first wife Sharon and wanted to show her off to you. We met up with you at one of the mud slinging tracks and Sharon was wearing a white tee shirt and white shorts. It had been raining and we were walking through the mud puddles trying to find you. I spotted you in the bleachers and as we were walking up to you, this truck slid around the corner of the track and showered her from head to toe in mud. I knew I was in trouble, but with your cool, calm way you pulled out a towel and wiped the mud out of her face and welcomed her into the family. You have always been such an inspiration to me. My Dad passed away when I was 15. You and Dad could have been twin brothers in my eyes. Not only did you look alike, but you acted alike as well. Always joking around and never letting anything get you down. (cont)

March 23 at 1:49 PM

DR

Dave Rambo posted:

This may sound selfish, but you were a constant reminder to me that I could go on. Looking at you I could visualize what my dad would have been like had he still been around. I thank you for all the trips that you, Rod, and Sheila made to Florida. We had some really good times. I love you uncle Jim, and I will miss you. But, I do know it's time for you to be with Aunt Glenda and the Rambo family. Rod, I'm sorry to be the one to tell you this, but the comment you made on brother Jeff's memorial site about the gator, that was actually your dad that yelled that. Your dad was having some fun with us. I will miss you uncle Jim, and to all my cousins, their wives and children, I love you guys.

March 22 at 3:36 PM

TD

Thom Dulaney posted:

I'm sorry for your loss. You all will be in our prayers.

March 20 at 12:53 PM

SF

Steven Fore posted:

I have always been fond of Jim, and I am glad to have known him. I would like to send my deepest condolences to all of his friends and family.

March 17 at 1:42 PM



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BW

Bruce Whitney posted:

Jim, You will be missed ... I would hate to think how many years we worked together. You was a great guy to be around and was always happy. I has been several years since I have seen you and I can not beleive how time flies. Thanks for letting me be a part of your life. Bruce

March 17 at 6:19 AM

LV

Lucky & Sandy Arndt & Aunt Mary Valle posted:

Jim was a very very great friend he will be missed by all of us.

March 16 at 12:49 PM

BK

Brenda (Berg) Kirby posted:

Uncle Jim laughed often and enjoyed life. He will be fondly remembered. Family bonds continue through embraced memories. a few favorite memories: Getting in trouble becaused Joe, Jim and I crossed the railroad tracks to visit Uncle Jim & Aunt Glenda when they lived in South Shore the winter storm of '78/79 when everyone stayed at Grandpa & Grandma Gass cookouts at the park and holidays spent together

March 16 at 12:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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