



James M. Bush

July 13, 1950 - July 10, 2020

James M. Bush, 69, of Carbondale, passed away at 8:13 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2020, at his residence in Carbondale, Illinois.

James was born on July 13, 1950, in Chicago, Illinois, to Joseph Bush and Virginia (Murray) Bush.

Mr. Bush served in the U.S. Army.

He and his wife own Kite Hill Winery in Carbondale.

James married Barbara Koch on September 1, 1973, in Chicago, Illinois, and she survives.

Other survivors include one brother John Bush and his wife Elizabeth Bush of Lansing, IL and 1 sister Jean Marie Schmidt and her husband John Schmidt of Titusville, FL;

one nephew John Schmidt; and three nieces Mary Pennock, Jillian Thomas and Julie Lewis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2020, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating.

His inurnment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at Elwood, Illinois, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2020 with military honors.

For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ James M. Bush

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Jimmy was a true friend in every sense of the word. He was always ready with a helping hand, a few words of encouragement spiced with a bit of humor, and a willingness to uplift you emotionally. Long before discovering that Jimmy had significant heart health issues, he often highlighted special moments by saying, "Be still my beating heart..." Little did those of us who loved him and were blessed with his special friendship know that he would be taken from us so soon and that his "beating heart" would be forever still.

firstandlastmate@yahoo.com - August 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM

JM

“Cathy and I were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Although we knew of his severe health issues we always hoped he would pull through once again. He is in a much better place now with no pain and suffering, for that we are thankful.

Our friendship goes back many years to the time Jim, my wife Cathy, and I worked together in Graphic Arts at Illinois Bell, and more recently to our yearly get togethers with Jim and Barb at Kite Hill. The qualities we remember most about Jim was his compassion for others, and his sense of humor. No matter how down you may have been, if Jim was around he would lighten things up with a joke or two.

As we age we tend to only have memories to rely on. At this time Cathy and I look back on our friendship with Jim with only the fondest of memories. Jim, thank you for being a good friend. Rest in peace.

Joe and Cathy Mangold

Joseph Mangold - July 21, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JW

“Our hearts are heavy thinking about the world without Jim. Even though it's been way too many years since we last saw each other, the memories are still fresh. Most of them make me laugh with all the shenanigans from our years at Illinois Bell and beyond. It's the fun times that we will always focus on. You are no longer suffering and at peace, and for that we are grateful. Jim was a one-of-a-kind great guy and the world is a bit emptier without him in it. Your spirit will always be surrounding those who love you. Rest well, dear friend....

Jeanine and Bob Walla

Jeanine and Bob Walla - July 18, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JH

“ *No more pain and suffering anymore - you are free. I know that this is a good thing but yet I can't let go and that's a good thing also because I will always have so many good forever memories of my friend. Jim you will be so very missed from so very many people you can't help but to be still among us and that's a good thing.*

Love

Judy

Judy Hoffman - July 17, 2020 at 06:11 PM