



James Watson

March 17, 1941 - December 18, 2015

James Watson, 74, of Energy, died Friday, December 18, 2015 at University Hospital in Columbia, MO.

James was born March 17, 1941 in Herrin the son of Lee and Minnie (Wilson) Watson. He married Carole Turney on October 25, 1983.

He proudly served his country during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was in the U.S. Army for 3 years. James worked in sales for over 30 years. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan and loved to play golf.

James is survived by his wife, Carole Watson of Energy; son, Byron (Becky) Watson of Tucson, AZ; daughter, Michele (Jimmie) Loyd of Herrin, Daughter, Kelli Watson of Carterville; step-son, Steve (Becky) Kneale; step-daughter, Julie (Shane) Gooden; grandchildren, Zach, Tyler, Conner, Gracie, Josh, Jessica, Tino, Aurora, Andrew, Kathryn and Samantha; brother, Barry (Valerie) Watson of Royalton; sisters, Jo Ann (Richard) Vick of Herrin, Faye (Gene) Stump of Kutztown, PA; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, Leon, Don and Floyd; 2 sisters, Myrl and Irene.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 22, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at

Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, December 22, 2015 at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas Rogers officiating. Entombment will follow at Egyptian Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. The Ritual Team of Herrin VFW Post 1567, American Legion and the Illinois Honor Guard will do the military salute before entombment in the Veteran's Mausoleum at Egyptian Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family or St. Jude's.

To leave online condolences please visit www.crainonline.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Watson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *You were the best Granpa to my son James Watson 3...I will always hold your memories.Love you Tonya and Kids* 🍷

Tonya Regulus - March 19, 2020 at 02:53 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for you Carole and all the family. Chris, Pam and Kyle Borders*

Pamela Cox Borders - December 22, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences and continued prayers for you Carole and all the family. Love, Becky, Byron, Tino and Aurora Watson*



Becky Watson - December 20, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ *My deepest heart felt prayers go out to the Families and Friends of Jim. I pray for your strength to endure. Love to you Carole and Family. Love Valerie*

Valerie Watson - December 19, 2015 at 06:25 AM