



## James William Harkins

January 15, 1947 - October 18, 2024

Sergeant E-5 James William Harkins US54801322 United States Army Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry passed away on October 18, 2024, in Crown Point, Indiana, Formally from Aurora Minnesota. James was born January 15, 1947, In Monongahela, Pennsylvania to father: Hugh Harkins, and mother: Lucille Harkins.

Jim, also known as “The Doc,” joined the United States Army on June 2, 1966. He served in the Vietnam War and was later honorably discharged on June 1, 1972. During his time in active duty, he received multiple air medal awards as well as a Grateful Appreciation award, he also became a certified Counter- Insurgency ambush and evasion specialist, and a Combat Medical Specialist.

Jim retired from US Steel in Gary after 34 years of service.

Jim is survived by the mother of his children: Susan Harkins; daughters: Tracy (Bryan K.) Harkins-Ripple;

Lisa (Jason) Rodriguez and Kristin (Steven) Raver; brother: John (Gloria) Harkins; grandchildren: Brandon Rodriguez, Cameron Rodriguez, Isabella Rodriguez, Bryan Ripple, Taylor Ripple, Christian Raver, and Ashton Raver; great grandchildren: Dylan Denisiuk and Diana Denisiuk; many nieces and nephews who he adored.

James was preceded in death by his father: Hugh Harkins; mother: Lucille Harkins, brother: Rick Harkins; son: Richard Harkins, and grandson: Tristin Raver.

Jim enjoyed spending time with family and friends, sharing a cold beer, and a good cigarette all while listening to his oldie's music. Jim was an avid Hunter and Fisherman. He loved camping and being outdoors.

Jim will always be remembered for his loving and easy-going spirit.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at Leroy Community Center, 5524 E. 145th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307.

Memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements.

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM (cst)

Leroy Community Center  
5524 E. 145th Avenue  
Crown Point, IN 46307

## Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Kathleen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James William Harkins.

Kathleen H. - November 08, 2024 at 07:25 PM

RA

“ A great man! Will miss ya Uncle.

Randy - October 24, 2024 at 03:54 PM

BD

“ Bernadette Duda lit a candle in memory of James William Harkins



Bernadette Duda - October 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

JA

“ Henry & I thought the world of Bill. He never had a bad thing to say about anybody. Henry loved visiting him in minn.

Janice - October 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM