



James Robert Murphy

May 11, 1945 - August 10, 2025

James “Jim” R. Murphy, 80, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2025. He was born in Gary, Indiana. Jim was a member of the inaugural freshman class of Andean High School, graduating in 1963, and later a proud graduate of Indiana University. In 1965, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with the 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam. On May 2, 1967, he displayed extraordinary bravery during a combat mission, earning the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device for Heroism. Wounded later that year, Jim returned home and recovered with characteristic determination. He worked at U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel before entering public service, serving on the Porter County Council, then two terms as Treasurer and two as Auditor. He also served on the Porter County United Way board and was a proud member of the Friendly Sons of Erin for over 50 years. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marie Murphy. He is survived by his sisters, Kathy (Jerry) Erny and Maggie Rose; his children: Jennifer (Tim) Wojciechowski, Matthew (Polly) Murphy, and Sarah (Jason) Murphy; and grandchildren: Max, Taylor (Bill), Harry, Stella Wainman, Stella Brown, Sydney, Jack, and Hattie. He remained close to his ex-wife, Judy (George) Murphy. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, from 2 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 4 p.m. Rev. Dennis Meyer officiating. Military Honors will be performed at 4:45 p.m. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. www.burnsfune

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

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Interment

AUG **15**. 2:30 PM (cst)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 W Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421-9309
(815) 423-9958

Tribute Wall



“ Cory V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Murphy.

Cory V. - August 15, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ Matt and family - I am so sorry to hear this. Please accept my condolences. Dr. Forchetti

Derrick Forchetti - August 14, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Robert Murphy.



August 13, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Robert Murphy.

August 13, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Murphy.



August 13, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Aunt Maggy and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Murphy.

Aunt Maggy and family. - August 12, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Aunt Maggy and family. purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of James Robert Murphy.



Aunt Maggy and family. - August 12, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ The N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Murphy.

The N. - August 12, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Robert Murphy.*



August 12, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Bruce/Mary, Meghan/Brandon, Kyle/Justine purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Robert Murphy.*



Bruce/Mary, Meghan/Brandon, Kyle/Justine - August 12, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Robert Murphy.*



August 12, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Robert Murphy.*



August 12, 2025 at 12:25 PM