



James D. Wilson

December 25, 1940 - October 8, 2016

James D. Wilson, age 75 of Crown Point, IN, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2016. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years- Cheryl R., and his parents - Dale and Wilma Wilson. James is survived by his brother- John of Rochester Hills, MI; sons- Todd J. of Phoenix, AZ, Thomas W. (Christy) of Bloomington, IN and granddaughter- Annabelle. James was a member of Lake Lodge F. & A.M. No. 157, the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree, Orak Shrine Michigan City, South Lake County Shrine Club, and Royal Order of Jesters Court 43. James was also a veteran of the US Navy. He loved playing golf with his friends. Friends may visit with James's family on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 3 p.m. until the time of the Masonic Funeral Service at 5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Shriners Children's Hospitals.www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Mike Panther - October 11, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *Sunny Memories* was purchased for the family of *James D. Wilson*.



October 11, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *James D. Wilson*.



October 11, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ I worked with Mr Wilson for 23 years at Vaughan's. He was the 1st sales rep I believe the company had. He was like the "godfather" of Vaughan Pumps. I so enjoyed working with him and he always gave great advice. Even after I left he continued to stay in touch just to ask how I was doing. I'm sad that I didn't get to see him before he passed but he knows how much we all loved him!

Jean Jhanson - October 11, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Wilson.



October 11, 2016 at 09:11 AM

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“ I LOVED THAT MAN!!!!

Only ever one of a kind!!!

I remember Dad bringing him to the house his first visit out, like sometime in 1978. I was 17 or 18. They were sitting at the kitchen island, Dad smoking his cigar, Jimmy smoking his cigs. They were “sipping” on a short glass of whiskey.

Jimmy was wearing a pair of burgundy coloured polyester slacks, a large checkered jacket, of burgundy, blue and white. And wait for it..... A pair of white kid, penny loafers.

I remember thinking to my little old Satsop, country girl self, “I’ve NEVER seen anything like THAT before”!!!

My very FIRST business trip upon hiring on at Vaughan Company (after college) was with Jerry Scheelke to Detroit. Jimmy took us to the steel mills, it was like going into the bowels of hell; smoke and steam huffing and puffing from EVERY where. Dirt, steel stilt, dirty water overflow EVERY where. He was quite amused when I showed up that first morning, ready to visit customers, wearing my bright, hot pink skirt & jacket and high heels. Another very long, cackle.

One of my fondest memories is after a Chi Town WEFTEC when Karen and I took him to dinner at Nick’s Fish Market. Jimmy sat between the two of us, we had a wonderful dinner, maybe even a drink or two. That young waiter played up to Jimmy all night, he was working for that tip! When he brought the bill at the end of the evening, I grabbed it – You should have seen the look on his face, and heard Jimmy – again - cackle!

Last time I saw Jimmy was at the “retirement party” we threw for him. He seemed sad and... just not himself. I believed it was because he knew he was going to miss everyone so much.

*Yes, one of a kind man who was much loved and will be missed by
MANY!*

RIP JD.

Suzanne Vaughan - October 10, 2016 at 03:12 PM