



James L Woods

May 24, 1949 - June 7, 2014

James L. Woods, age 65 of Valparaiso, lost his battle with cancer on June 7, 2014 surrounded by his loving family at the VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. Jim was born in Madisonville, KY on May 24, 1949, the son of James E. and Katherine Woods. He was a graduate of Horace Mann High School, class of 1968, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the steel industry, having worked as a millwright at the Burns Harbor Plant of Bethlehem Steel, ISG and ArcelorMittal for over 40 years.

On June 16, 1989, Jim married Dianne Lind, creating their own version of the "Brady Bunch". He is survived by his wife Dianne, six children: Beth Woods of Port St. Lucie, FL, Laura (Patrick) Harwood of Yulee, FL, James W. (Tasha) Woods of Valparaiso, Corrie (Dustin) Fox of Valparaiso, Alicia (Brad) Bennett of Indianapolis, and Kristi (Jose) Ramos of Crown Point; 15 grandchildren: Hallie, Tyler, Zac, Luke, Lily, Briella, Ruby, Brogen, Mason, Ashley, Gianna, Antonio, Kayla, Ozzy and Jada; brother-in-law Richard Lind of Seattle, WA; nieces Melissa (Keith) Rootkie and LeeAnn Spurlock of Valparaiso; dear friends Romie and Annette Dybas of Chesterton and Sammy and Debbie Barnes of Macon, GA. Preceded in death by his parents, James and Katherine Woods, brother Ronald Woods, sister Phyllis Spurlock, brother-in-law David Spurlock and in-laws Robert and Patricia Lind. Jim deeply loved his family and was a devoted husband, father and grandpa. Words cannot

express how much he will be missed by those who loved him.

Honoring his wishes, friends and family are invited to a casual celebration of his life on Thursday, June 12 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Parea Restaurant Banquet Facility, 69 Franklin St, Valparaiso, IN. Memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to the VNA Hospice of Porter County. Cremation services are being provided by Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, IN.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family, I was saddened to read of your loss and I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy for your dearly loved James L. Woods. I can only imagine the pain you must feel. I pray that you can find comfort from the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ found in the Bible at (John 5:28,29 ;Revelation 21:3,4) I hope this comforts you like it has my family during our loss. For more info www.jw.org

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