



James N. Wagner, Jr.

October 1, 1952 - March 10, 2018

James N. Wagner, Jr., 65, of Hampshire, IL formerly of LaPorte, IN passed away Saturday morning, March 10, 2018 in his home.

He was born in Chicago on Oct. 1, 1952 the son of James Sr. and Roberta (Burgchardt) Wagner. Jim grew up in Burbank and was a 1970 graduate of Reavis High School. He attended GM mechanic training and for many years worked at Bauer Buick in the Chicago area. He became a firefighter with the LaPorte, IN Fire Department as both chief mechanic and hazmat professional, retiring after 23 years of service.

In 2013, Jim moved to Hampshire's Casa de Aero airpark neighborhood where he enjoyed flying and was finishing his certification before he passed. In retirement, he enjoyed fishing and outings on Lake Michigan and was an expert at restoring Corvettes and other automobiles.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Fergus; his parents, James and Roberta Wagner of Shorewood; son, James III (Julie) Wagner of LaPorte; daughter, Jodi (Dave) Crum of Niles, Mich.; step children, Brian (Amanda) Issleb, Charles (Debbie) Issleb, and Kyle Issleb; 7 grandchildren, Megan, Matthew, Morgan, Michael, Zachary, Nicholas

and David; 8 step grandchildren; and three sisters, Linda (Norm) Johnson, Carolyn (Norm) Stuba, and Charlene (Bill) Gallion and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Heidi Wagner.

Funeral Services will be held at 2pm Thursday, March 15, at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St., Huntley.

Visitation will be prior to services on Thursday from 11am until the 2pm service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be directed to Little City Foundation, 1760 W. Algonquin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067.

Tribute Wall



“ *James N. Wagner, Jr.*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Cheryl- sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to you and your family.
May God give you strength during this time!*

Gina Santiago - May 16, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ *Dear Cheryl,
I am so sorry to hear that Jim passed. I found out just hours ago.
Anything you need I am here for you.
Iris*

Iris Colon - May 16, 2018 at 03:25 PM