



## Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy

May 11, 1950 - March 4, 2022

Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy, 71, of Walnut Hill, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Jim was born May 11, 1950 in Paris, Illinois, the son of Robert Alexander and Frances Patricia (Lopez) Murphy. He married Constance "Connie" Nelson on March 3, 1998 in Dayton Beach, Florida, and she survives.

Jim worked as a truck driver for many years and retired from Wheaton Plastics. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Salem Masonic Lodge 130, Shriners, ABATE, Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055 and present Commander, Centralia American Legion Post 446, Forty and Eight, and President of the Mad Dogs. Jim was an avid biker, he enjoyed camping and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife of 24 years, Connie Murphy of Walnut Hill, he is also survived by his children: Brittany Ott and husband Justin of Middletown, Gerald Murphy, Jr. of Centralia,, Cora Lundgreen-Murphy of Centralia, Beth Bourque of Centralia, and Josh Bourque of Centralia; four grandchildren: Tristan Riddle, Wyatt Marshall, Kaleb Marshall, and Breanna Murphy; four step children: Tim Ramsey of Centralia, Bobby Alli of Centralia, Carol Smith of Centralia, and Tara Ramsey of Centralia; seven step grandchildren: Austin Ramsey, Logan Ramsey, Courtney Alli, Eddie Meyers, David Meyers, Cara

Dunahee, and Robbie Dunahee; three sisters: Toni McClain of Arkansas, Bobbie Frye and husband Wayne of Lincoln, and Flo Stamm and husband Dale of Indiana; three brothers-in-law: Dennis Peterson of Mount Pulaski, Dennis Reves of Lincoln and Robert Nelson of Kansas; three sisters-in-law: Sherry Easley and husband Jon of Iuka, Martha Currie of Mt. Vernon and Dreatha Jackson of Mississippi; father and mother-in-law: Robert Nelson and wife Elaine of Kell; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a brother: William Ross Murphy, two sisters: Jessie Reves and Patricia Peterson, and a two brothers-in-law: Keith Nelson and Mike McClain.

The Visitation for Jim Murphy will be held Friday, March 11, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Masonic Rites will be accorded Friday night at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The Funeral Service will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Jeff Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. The Last Ride Motorcycle Hearse will be honoring Jim with his last ride to his final resting place and the family requests that all motorcycles to be at the funeral home by 9:00 AM on Saturday. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia, V.F.W. Post 2055. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Murphy Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 10:00 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Susan Salisbury Kleinedler lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy*



Susan Salisbury Kleinedler - March 11, 2022 at 04:30 PM

JS

“ *Rip my brother you will be missed*



Jeanette schulte - March 11, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MW

“ *Misty Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy*



Misty Walker - March 11, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Ashley Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy*



Ashley Vaughn - March 11, 2022 at 12:19 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy.*



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March 09, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Les Lucas. Moberly MO purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy.*



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**Les Lucas. Moberly MO** - March 08, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Janet Finley - Huffman sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy*



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**Janet Finley - Huffman** - March 07, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim will be miss. Jim was one of a kind.*



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**Janet Finley - Huffman** - March 07, 2022 at 06:44 PM

CL

“ Murph was one hell of a guy, always had a smile on his face. He would make everyone feel welcome no matter where they were, loved his family, friends and loved life. He was for sure one of the good ones, prayers and love to all his family. Keep smiling down on all of us Murph, you will be missed...



Christy Lockwood - March 07, 2022 at 09:18 AM

BM

“ i just wanted to see him one last time :( i miss you gpa <3 thank you for all the camping trips and being there when i needed you !

breonna murphy - March 06, 2022 at 07:07 PM

SH

“ Sally Heyduck lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jim" Dean Murphy



Sally Heyduck - March 06, 2022 at 01:25 PM

DM

“ Connie aka Smurf I am truly so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Murphy was a great man. I always enjoyed being around him. Loved our times and rides together. We will miss him. Prayers and Rest in Peace Jim. Sending our love and big hugs. Donna and Butch (Pup).

Donna Moore - March 06, 2022 at 11:56 AM

BL

“ Murphy was a Dear friend and had a heart of gold and would ❤️ always put a smile on your face. He always made you feel welcome no matter if he just meet you or knew you for ever. You be missed ❤️ you Murphy fly high and and keep your PEOPLE (Lol) in line in Heaven. ❤️❤�

Betty Langhauser - March 06, 2022 at 09:52 AM

LT

“ Omg! There are too many laughs and good times from the Depot Lounge days. RIP Murph..

Linda Tarlton - March 05, 2022 at 11:34 PM

SR

RIP Murphy  
Memories from the Ball team for the Depo lounge  
God Bless and keep you

Sandy Royer - March 06, 2022 at 09:29 AM

TS

“ When I first joined the VFW, Murph was the first, and only one to walk up to me, introduce himself, and welcome me to the post.

Tom Smith - March 05, 2022 at 10:58 PM

DD

“ Jim was a one of kind. Always liked talking with him. RIP brother.

David Durall - March 05, 2022 at 07:57 PM

BF

“ One of a kind man! Never met a stranger.

Bob ford - March 05, 2022 at 07:27 PM

GW

“ I rode along side of Jim at another bother last ride . I had just learned to ride my own bike . I wasn't super comfortable and convenient yet but Jim said to me when we arrived at the graveyard girl you did a fine job holding your line he told me he would ride next to me any time which gave me the confidence to continue to ride . Thanks for being a great influence and such a great Man . I am so grateful I had the privilege to know you .

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**gale waterman** - March 05, 2022 at 03:18 PM