



## James Steven Tabor

September 12, 1953 - August 14, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James Steven "Jay" Tabor, who left this world peacefully on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the age of 71. A long-time resident of Centralia, Illinois, Jay was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Born on Saturday, September 12, 1953, in Tacoma, Washington. Jay was the cherished son of James "Jim" and Mary "Rosie" (Weems) Tabor, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in eternal rest by his sister, Cheryl Tabor. Jay's life was a testament to hard work and dedication, with a robust career in construction, roofing, and as a truck driver, where he forged many lasting friendships and impacted countless lives through his commitment and resilience.

Jay was a man who cherished time spent outdoors, captivated by the simplicity and beauty of nature. His love for reading and tinkering in the garage were only surpassed by his boundless devotion to his family. He will be deeply missed by his children: Bianca Pender and her husband Kyle of Centralia; Tamara Manning and her husband Fred of Manchester, Tennessee; Stephanie Fourez of Herrin; and James "Kenny" Tabor and his significant other, Shanel, of Christopher. His legacy continues through the thirteen grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and five great-grandchildren who adored

him.

He also leaves behind his beloved sisters: Deborah "Debbie" White, Janice Rector and her husband Garry, Diana Pace, Donna Gibson and her significant other, Mark, and Rebecca "Becky" Tabor, along with numerous nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

The family will hold a visitation in Jay's honor on Friday, September 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Six Lemons and St. Jude Children's Hospital. These can be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801. The family is grateful to Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance, encouraging online condolences to be shared at [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and through their Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

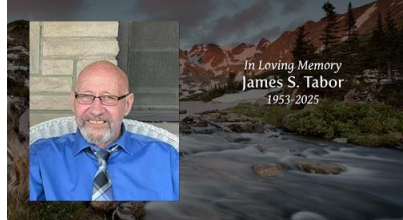
SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Steven Tabor*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - September 05, 2025 at 04:40 PM

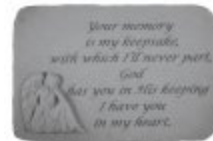


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Steven Tabor.

August 28, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." was purchased for the family of James Steven Tabor.



August 28, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the Tabor family*

**Brenda White** - August 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ Rest easy JJ, prayers for all the family 🙏



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**Georgia Cook Lambert** - August 15, 2025 at 08:15 PM

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“ Jan Poehler lit a candle in memory of James Steven Tabor



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**Jan Poehler** - August 15, 2025 at 08:03 PM