



## James N. Gaignat

February 16, 1954 - April 22, 2020

James N. Gaignat, 66, of Stilwell, KS, passed away April 22, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospice House. James was born on February 16, 1954 in Kansas City, KS to Louis and Ova (Harbour) Gaignat. He was raised in the Turner area and graduated from Turner High School in 1972. He worked at KCP&L for several years as an equipment operator. He was preceded in death by his father Louis (Norm) and survived by his loving wife Debbie Gaignat of the home, his mother Ova Gaignat of Shawnee, KS, brother John Gaignat (Lisa), sister Jeanette Dibben, and many nieces and nephews. There will be a Celebration of Life planned for a later date. James loved his cats Sadie and Squeaky and the ones that have passed. So it is only fitting that any Memorial contributions may be made to ASPCA.

# Comments

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“ I met Jim when we went to Turner High School. We both rode motorcycles at the river and all over town. We spent some evenings on State Avenue racing cars with some classmates. Jim was a good motorcycle rider and I remember some of his burn outs on 59th street. We had a lot of good times playing ping pong which led to tennis. We played doubles one time with a couple of old men and we thought we could whip them. They beat us bad and then apologized because they had been doubles partners for 20 years. I called Jim every Christmas to wish him a Merry (bleep) Christmas and he would wish me a Happy (bleep) New Year. He always looked forward to my call. I will miss him. He was one of my best and longest friends. Rest in Peace Jim.

**Randy Loyd** - May 02 at 07:26 PM

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“ Debbie this is Bret Berry and I am so sorry to hear about Jim passing i learned a lot from him while we worked together please let me know when you are going to celebrate his life. 816-299-8278, love and hugs

**Bret Berry** - April 29 at 02:29 PM

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“ It is difficult saying goodbye to a sibling. Although we weren't close in age, therefore he spent time with his friends, and I was too young to tag along. I always knew he was there for me. As we got older I hope he knew that I was there for him as well. I will say goodbye the way we both always did from a parody that used to be on the radio. "I hate you now more than I used to did". Goodbye to my favorite brother, love ya. RIP Jim.

**John Gagnat** - April 27 at 02:45 PM

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“ I will miss my sweet husband, the man he was before he became ill 15 years ago and the man after that. In his earlier days, he loved to ride motorcycles, drive fast cars, and operating heavy equipment while working at KCP&L. Once his health started going down hill, his abilities did too. He missed not working, operating anything with a motor in it, and living on the edge. Once he lost some of his motor skills, I saw the daredevil in him fade away but every time there would be a commercial on TV with a Case Loader on it, he'd say "That's what I use to operate", then he would have a big smile on his face and say boy I miss that. Last year we bought a new John Deere riding lawn mower. That was one thing he could still operate and was his happiest, being outside, getting some sun, and having control of a motor again. Jim and I had our happiest times working in the yard. From now on,

my spring and summer will never be the same without him. I love and miss you Jim.

**Debbie Gagnat** - April 25 at 07:04 PM



“ Debbie i am sorry I hadn't talked to Jim in years but I always thought of him as a good friend

**Bret Berry** - April 29 at 02:32 PM