



James Ray Hursh

December 11, 1956 - January 6, 2025

James Ray Hursh, 68, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on Monday, January 6, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. James proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, enlisting on July 29, 1975. During his military career, he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He completed two tours in Germany before being honorably discharged as a Specialist E4 on July 27, 1979. On February 4, 1979, James married the love of his life, Kimberly Kay, and together they celebrated 45 years of marriage. They were blessed with two sons, Jimmy and Jason, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Jim loved sharing stories about his time in the military and proudly referred to himself as the unofficial "Mayor of Muncie." He was known for his deep love of family and friends, his passion for fishing and hunting, and his joy in discovering morel mushrooms each spring at his favorite "honey hole." Jim cherished spending time outdoors, whether relaxing in his shop, gathering with friends by a bonfire, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature. All he really needed was his old-time religion. Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Bonnie and Oliver Hursh, as well as his in-laws, Leon S. Keele and Rita May. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Kay Hursh; two sons, Jimmy Hursh and Jason Hursh; six grandchildren; one great grandson; and brother, Timothy Hursh. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2:30 PM Friday, January 17, 2025 at Leavenworth National Cemetery, 150 Muncie Rd., Leavenworth, Kansas 66048.

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 17. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Ray Hursh.



January 15, 2025 at 07:47 AM



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

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“ Take it easy up there Mayor. We all know ya won't, but try to stay out of trouble. Love you and thank you for all of the fun memories over the years.

Kayla Biggs - January 10, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dee Dee - January 09, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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Growing up, he was a good friend him and his brother lotta fond memories playing horseshoes and hanging out. He will be missed. Sorry later in life I wasn't around to visit much.

Rick Moore - January 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM

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Jim- so glad you and Leonard became friends at Stony Point South - You were such fun and your smile was infectious- we had so many good times- from fishing at Perry Lake to mushroom hunting celebrating yours and my birthday- we always made a point to go to each other's homes to drink a birthday beer- our kids grew up together just like we did when we were younger. You really couldn't say Jim without Kim - the times we had playing cards or dominos at your house was so much fun- the football parties we all had with you cheering on the "bolts" and not the chiefs like everyone else- the barbecue party's and birthday parties were so much fun - the Nut Hut parties and the sitting around the fire pit - so many great memories- going to miss you James more than you can imagine-RIP "Mayor"- say hi to Oliver and Bonnie- so glad to call you our friend james T Hursh

leonard and Barbara Alcala - January 17, 2025 at 11:23 AM