



## James Vanar Dinkins Jr.

July 15, 1945 - April 6, 2020

James Vanar Dinkins, Jr. age 74, of Dunlap, formerly of Eureka, passed away at his residence Monday, April 06, 2020. Born July 15, 1945 in Sikeston, MO to the late James Vanar Dinkins, Sr. and Callie Mildred Phillips Dinkins, Jim married Jamie Jacobs in Peoria in 2001, and she survives. He is also survived by his children, Claudine (Richard) Seidel, Angela (Benjamin) Roberts, Jim (Angela) Dinkins, Tamara (Jeff) Hersheberger; step-children, Jeff (Marci) Ward, Kristin (Mike) Sunderland, and David (Ona) Ward; grandchildren, Wade, Reuben, Walker, Marcus, Lewis, Sebastien, Caroline, Brandon, and Thane; brothers, Donald (Linda) Dinkins, Tony (Kris) Dinkins, and Phillip Dinkins; special friends, Ben Dotson, and Ralph Biddison. Jim was retired from TP&W Railroad as an Engineer, and Conductor, and owned Jim Dinkins Remodeling. He and Jamie retired to Mesa, Arizona before returning to Illinois this past December. A true man of God, he was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, and Eureka Nazarene Church, and for a number of years was Scout Master of Boy Scouts Troop #57. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, studying history, and was an all-around handy man. Jim was proud to serve his country in the Vietnam War. Cremation rites have been accorded.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Jamie,

*I am so sorry to hear about Jim. He was always so nice when I would see him at school gatherings. Keeping all of you in our prayers.*

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**Melissa Erwin** - April 24, 2020 at 02:58 AM

CH

“ Jamie,

*I was very sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I know he was a good husband to you and that you and your family will miss him. My deepest sympathies to you.*

*Claudie Huey*

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**Claudie Huey** - April 14, 2020 at 12:56 AM

SU

“ We came to know Jim thru his wife , Jamie when we came to the Phoenix area for the winter. We were able to go out for dinner a few times. He was easygoing and a gentle giant..our sympathies to Jamie and Jim's family

*Love and tight hugs..sue ann and chip kortkamp*

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**SueKortkamp** - April 13, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JB

*My prayers are with you, Jamie. May you feel the comfort of friends who care and the love of God surrounding you. Treasure those good memories of Jim.*

Joanne Barfiled - April 20, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LL

“ *RIP Prayers to all — Camping friend & Great to talk about Scouting.*

Leslie Leach - April 10, 2020 at 02:14 PM

CP

“ *I remember Jim from when he worked at IBM, "GREAT GUY".*

Chuck Pierman - April 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM

ER

“ *I'm so sorry Jamie. My kids still remember the time you two took us camping. He was so kind. Praying for you and your family.*

Erika Roiger - April 08, 2020 at 10:50 PM



Luanne  
Thompson  
Young

“ *My condolences to Jamie & the Dinkins family. Jim was a very warm sincere gentleman.*

Luanne Thompson Young - April 08, 2020 at 10:29 PM

IF

“ *As a friend of daughter Claudine, I only had the pleasure of meeting Jim a few short times. But I remember him as friendly, warm and welcoming. I know how much he meant to Claudine and know he was well loved and will be missed dearly. Rest In Peace.*

Ian Fisher - April 07, 2020 at 09:05 AM

TD

“ *My older brother Jim taught me a lot about carpentry work when we worked together for a while and he helped me with my job at Ace Hardware. But more importantly he taught me that patriotism and love of country were important principles to live by. He also modeled strength and perseverance in the face of great adversity which encouraged me in my life. He is now experiencing eternal joy with Christ. I will miss you Big Brother.  
Your little brother Tony.*

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**Tony Allen Dinkins** - April 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM

SS

“ *The Staff of Schmidt-Haller Burial and  
Cremation Services*



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**Staff of Schmidt-Haller** - April 06, 2020 at 03:26 PM