



James "Jim" Robert Hayden

September 21, 1948 - March 3, 2024

James Robert Hayden, 75, departed this life, on March 3, 2024 at the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home surrounded by his loving family.

Jim, as he was known to many, was born on September 21, 1948 to Robert J. Hayden and Pauline G. Hayden, (nee Jones) in Peoria, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carol A. Carey.

Jim graduated from Woodruff High School in 1966. He went on to work at Caterpillar Tractor Company, retiring in 2010 after 40+ years of service. He was a parishioner at St. Mark Catholic Church, and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus (St. Jude Council.)

He married Judith A. Marks in 1969. She survives, along with two sons, Daniel J Hayden, Ryan M. (Brett Ashley) Hayden, and four grandchildren, Emma Hayden (Joe) Butler, Lily Hayden, Hank Hayden and Helen Hayden.

In addition to his immediate family, his extended family included Bill and LaVerne Marks (deceased), Mike and Jan Powers, Bills Marks Jr. (Jean), and Cathy and Bryon Mahrt.

As Irishman by heritage, Jim leaves behind a host of beloved family members; cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends to treasure their memories of his love,

his kindness, his generosity and his Irish sense of humor. He will be dearly missed, and his memory will live on forever in everyone who knew him.

Jim was happiest surrounded by his family and friends. Whether he was smoking ribs, frying fish, helping someone with a project, or just having fun. He set every occasion to music, earning him the title of "Music Man." His happy place often included a lake, a boat, a radio, and a fishing pole.

Cremation rites have been accorded, arrangements have been entrusted with Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jim's name to West Peoria Fire Department or Sophia's Kitchen.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Bruce and I were just heart broken to learn Jim passed. We are so thankful we have some great memories of times together the past few years. We have all of you in our hearts and prayers. Dee and Bruce Burns

Dee and Bruce Burns - March 08, 2024 at 07:19 AM

MT

“ Judy, I am so sorry for Jims passing. It's been a long time since I last saw him, but I remember him as a very loving and caring man. I always saw the love he had for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Morey Higgins Taraska - March 08, 2024 at 01:10 AM

CB

“ RIP Mr. Hayden. Heaven has another angel now. Condolences to the family.

charlie bovee - March 07, 2024 at 07:59 PM

PR

“ Dear Judy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, Patti and Frank Russo

Patti Russo - March 07, 2024 at 07:36 PM

LA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Jim. Sorry for your loss Judy, Dan and Ryan! He was a wonderful husband and father. He was a proud Irishman with his family on earth and he will be a fine Irishman in heaven, with all the other proud Irishmen! If there is anything that I can do for you, his family, I will be there! Linda Allison

Linda Allison - March 07, 2024 at 06:49 PM

JD

“ I'll miss seeing Jim in his backyard. I have a picture in my mind of him offering me some freshly-cooked morels over the fence while I was mowing. But when asked where he found them ... he just smiled!

He was a kind neighbor, the best, for 40 years.

Jerry Davison - March 07, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was a devoted husband, father and Gradpa...he will be missed. We always were welcomed with a smile!

Dave and Susan Schafer

Dave and Susan Schafer - March 07, 2024 at 10:48 AM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He always had a smile on his face. Thinking of you all. Sending our condolences to you all. Please let us know if you need anything.

Kim & Dave Maroon - March 07, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DM

“ *I am saddened by the passing of Jim. Condolences to the Hayden family.* ”

Dan McGann - March 07, 2024 at 07:34 AM