



## James Joseph Varga Sr.

August 20, 1942 - May 2, 2026

James Joseph Varga, Sr., 83, of Peoria, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Born in Endicott, NY, on August 20, 1942, he was the son of the late Joseph and Emily (Albrechta) Varga. He was a reservist in the US Navy and was later honorably discharged from the US Army. He was married to Patricia Trammelle, and together they had 10 children who survive him.

They are James Varga, Jr., Christopher (Dayna) Varga, Matthew Varga, Carrie (Paul) Adams, Elizabeth (Bryan) Tyree, Mary Varga, Thomas Varga, Kathleen (Charlie) Dow, Bernadette Holyoke, and Rebekah (Timothy) Baire; 29 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Varga. Aside from his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerome and Thomas Varga.

James worked at IBM as a security guard and was a carpenter for many years, taking on many different types of housing projects. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, going thrifting, and meeting strangers – often discussing faith and bringing positivity to those he met. He will be greatly missed by his large family and friends. Live, Laugh, Love.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Services for James were held privately.

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