



James Apland

July 10, 1954 - August 17, 2021

James "Jim" Apland, 67, of Champaign, formerly of Gibson City and Paxton, passed away Tuesday morning, August 17, 2021, at his home.

Jim was born on July 10, 1954 in Urbana Illinois, the son of Ruth (Knoth) Apland and Eugene Apland. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Trish Freeman.

He is survived by his son Ryan (Ellie) Apland of Princeton, WI, and 3 grandchildren, Owen, William, and Elizabeth also of Princeton, WI. He is also survived by his brother, Jon (Tammy) Apland of Paxton; his sister, Sally (Curtis) Ruggles of Champaign; his nephews, Rob Crowe, Geno Ruggles, and Tyler Apland; and nieces, Mandi Simeone, Tiffany Linton, and Angie Ruggles.

In his younger years Jim enjoyed fishing, bow hunting and riding his Harley. Jim graduated from Paxton High School where he played football and participated in track. Jim also attended Eastern Illinois University. He was employed at U of I in the Building Services department for several years. Jim was a good-hearted, soft-spoken person who helped take care of his mother in her last years. Jim will be greatly missed by all his family.

The family appreciates the caregivers (Home Instead) and hospice (Transitions). The family would like to acknowledge Tacara Jackson that spent

a great deal of time with Jim at the end and became a family member.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 1:00p.m. at Glen Cemetery in Paxton. Rev. Dr. Sheryl Palmer will officiate. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ As cousins, Jim and I spent much time together during the summers of our youth. We were close in age and our fathers were partners in farming. This meant many hours of cultivating, bucking bales, shoveling corn and walking beans that Jim and I spent together. However, the fondest memories were from earlier years, building tunnels and “forts” from hay bales in the barn loft (to facilitate cob “fights” there), or cajoling an aging mare into dragging us around on carts and sleds we cobbled together. All with young Jon in tow. –
Jeff Apland, Minneapolis.

Jeffrey Apland - August 23, 2021 at 12:55 AM

RB

“ I remember Him from Paxton High School. I remember him as being a nice guy and a down to earth person and classmate. My sympathy to the family. Sincerely, Rick (Richard) Brown, Paxton HS, Class of 1972.

Richard Brown - August 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM

PW

“ We worked with Jim so many years ago on campus. He was dry and funny and soft spoken, but ever so sharp witted! We helped him with a refrigerator when he lived outside of Paxton with his dog. He had a lovely prairie view.

We are sorry for any suffering and so glad he has no more pain. He cherished each of you.

Joe and Phyllis Williams

Urbana



Phyllis Williams - August 21, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. Prayers for strength at this time. 🙏🙏

- Shalyn Pettman

ShaLyn Pettman - August 21, 2021 at 09:55 AM