



## James "Jim" Keith Vaught

October 29, 1941 - May 28, 2024

James "Jim" Keith Vaught, age 82 of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Arbor Rose of Charleston, IL.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Reverend Dennis Strawn will officiate. A visitation will be held from 9:30 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. An additional visitation will be held Friday evening, June 7, 2024, at the funeral home from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Jim was born on October 29, 1941, in Vincennes, IN to the late Leo and Lela (Fitch) Vaught. He married Marjane "Pat" Patti Patterson on December 27, 1974, in Mattoon, IL. He is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Pat Vaught of Mattoon, IL, as well as five sons: Gary Filipiak and wife Susan, Kenneth Filipiak and wife Barbara, Shelby Vaught, Mark Filipiak and wife Milena, James Filipiak and significant other Melissa Gelinias. Also surviving are two grandsons, three granddaughters, one future granddaughter-in-law, a niece, one grand girl and many honorary family members.

Jim was a firefighter at Mattoon Fire Department for 28 years, retiring as a captain on Jan. 1, 2000. He also served in the National Guard for nearly 6 years. Off-shift and after retiring, Jim was also a self-employed barber for 58 years, welcoming generations of area residents to sit in his chair and participate in one of Jim's favorite hobbies – swapping stories. He was an avid hunter, enjoying years of friendship with his fellow hunters and always coming

homing with at least one harvested deer. In summers, Jim enjoyed fishing and often traveled to Canada's lakes with his fellow firefighters or family members. He was also well known for sharing his prize homegrown tomatoes and handcrafted walking sticks.

Jim was man of his word and always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was an active volunteer at various special needs events, coached youth baseball, and was a pillar within the Mattoon Youth Wrestling Club community. He loved his family immensely and he leaves behind a great void. Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

Memorials in his honor may be given to Mattoon Youth Choir, 205 Country Club Road, Mattoon, IL 61938 or Mattoon Fire Department, 1812 Prairie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
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## Visitation

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EF

“ Jim and I played together as children. We were cousins. I hadn't seen Jim in forever but knew he lived in Mattoon and recently thought I needed to try and find him for a visit. I live in Champaign so it would have been a short drive. I'm sad that I waited too long. Jim was a good guy!

Ed Fitch - June 19, 2024 at 06:18 PM

SC

“ I enjoyed listening to all the stories James told me while I took care of him. I am so sorry to hear of his loss. My sincere condolences to Pat and the family. Stacy Carrington



Stacy Carrington - June 08, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - June 05, 2024 at 07:00 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for the family’s loss. He and my Dad were co-workers and friends on the Fire Department. Jim gave me my first haircut as a toddler. Deepest condolences from our family to yours.



Scott Strater-Tafolla - June 05, 2024 at 02:50 PM

TG

“ Tina Greenwood lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Keith Vaught



Tina Greenwood - June 03, 2024 at 02:38 PM

KO

“ What great memories I have of Jim as a young firefighter at fire station 2 on Lakeland Blvd. He was my Captain when I first got hired and made the job even more enjoyable for all of us with his stories and cooking lunch almost every shift. I missed him tremendously when he retired and I'm gonna miss him now. Til we meet again Captain Vaught.

Keith Orndorff - June 01, 2024 at 01:11 PM

MC

*Sending deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Mike & Sue Craig - June 02, 2024 at 09:37 AM