



## James D. Lewis

August 23, 1947 - January 14, 2018

James D. Lewis Jr., age 70, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 8:35 P.M., Sunday, January 14, 2018 at his residence.

Burial will be held at a later date at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

James was born on August 23, 1947, in Irvington, KY, the son of James Sr. and Dorothy (Lucas) Lewis. He married Mary Lou Lewis on February 14, 1975, in Mattoon, IL; she survives. Other survivors include his children; two daughters, Amanda Lanza of Oldsmar, FL, Mary Trader and husband Rickey of Mattoon, IL; one son, John Brewer of Charleston, IL; three grandchildren, Kera and Tyler Trader of Mattoon, IL, Dustin Brewer of Charleston, IL; one great grandchild, Silas Brewer of Charleston, IL; two half- brothers, James D. Lewis of Saginaw, MI, and David Lewis of Brownstown, IL. James is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ronald Lewis.

James honorably served our country in the Army 101st Airborne in Vietnam from 1966-1967, then went to Germany where he served with Fire Control Hawk Missiles Division from 1967-1968. He was employed by Checker Top Cab as a cab driver, previously employed by Superior Manufacturing in Mattoon, IL, and Little Fuse Manufacturing in Arcola, IL. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. James was a former member of the Eagles Lodge in Mattoon, IL. He enjoyed playing the guitar and mandolin, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. His family will miss him greatly.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ From our game "cross the water" with your hand as a spider running across my tummy tickling me, to teaching me how to ride a bike, and walks to the gazebo, car and van rides together getting our favorite chocolate shakes, playing barbies and baby dolls with me, watching the same Disney movies over and over with me while always wearing a smile on your face, sharing stories, laughing together, sharing our mozzarella cheese sticks with one another, having nicknames for each other the list can go on and on and on. You were more than special to me and always will be. You were one of a kind. You showed me unconditional love. You taught me so so much. I'm beyond thankful and grateful that I was blessed with you as my papa! You seriously were/are the best. I miss you so so much. I miss you and wish you were still here with me. You and nana both. You and nana were my world. I love you. I love you more than you ever knew. I love you both very much. RIP nannerpappers



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**Kera Trader** - October 23, 2023 at 10:18 PM



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