



James Hajek

October 31, 1947 - January 21, 2024

JAMES HAJEK

James Charles Hajek, Jr., age 76, of the Ivy Bend Community in Stover, Missouri, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2024 at his home. He was born October 31, 1947 in Joliet, Illinois, a son of James Charles, Sr. and Myrtle Arlene (Nash) Hajek.

He was united in marriage to Pamela Joy Faber. Together, they shared many happy years of marriage before her passing.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and three grandchildren, Gage, Jocelynn and Alexander.

Survivors include his three daughters, Tracey Hajek of Romeoville, Illinois, Lisa Bato (Angelo Tanas) of Hebron, Indiana and Amy Huddleston (Daniel) of Stover, Missouri; grandchildren, Alan DuPree (Allie), Andrew Bato, James Dean (Heather), Slade Woestendiek, II, Autumn Hajek and Liam Huddleston; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Hajek; a sister, Patricia Frelichowski (Frank) of Fremont, Wisconsin; a family friend that he considered a daughter, Cathie Bennett; a close family friend, Kevin Marshall and a host of other relatives and friends.

James was raised in Lemont, Illinois. He served his country proudly in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he received a Purple

Heart. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Illinois until he moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2004. He enjoyed working at Rebel Docks for ten years after he moved to Missouri.

He was a car enthusiast, especially Chevilles. He attended many car shows and enjoyed restoring cars. Fishing, boating, gardening and playing darts were among his other hobbies. Spending time with his family brought him the most joy.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles. -

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“ *Haystack,*

I remember the day I met you and my best friend introduced us. We remained friends and acquaintances to the end. I can only hope you have the opportunity to rejoin your wife and having above. I'll never forget our conversations and drinking a cup of cold ones while we were doing it.

William Wilson - January 28, 2024 at 10:29 AM