



Wilson James "Jim" Murray, Jr.

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Obituary of Wilson James Murray, Jr.

Delaware State Police Captain, retired

Wilson James Murray, Jr. "Jim," age 73, passed away in the care of Tidal Health PRMC in Salisbury, MD on November 6, 2021. He was born on August 23, 1948, to the late Wilson J. and Hazel Alberta Melson Murray in Ocean View, DE. He married Gail Kirby on September 26, 1969, and together raised a daughter. He became a Delaware State Trooper, serving a varied career, working as a homicide detective, and other special assignments. He retired at the rank of Captain. He was a member of the Retired Troopers Association, and a 33rd degree Mason in the Dagsboro Lodge. Jim also had an accomplished career in the Delaware Army National Guard, with rank of E5. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, sailing the Chesapeake Bay and bird watching. He was known as a great father, a loving husband and was a warm and open person.

Jim is survived by high school sweetheart, who became his wife of 52 years, Gail, and their daughter, Wendy Mackert (Lawrence) all of Millsboro, DE; a granddaughter: Addyson Mackert, and sister-in-law, Claire Murray. Also surviving are extended family members of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends, including a very special family friend, Katharine Evans.

A viewing and time of visitation will be held from Noon until 1 PM on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Watson Funeral Home in Millsboro, with a funeral service and Celebration of His Life



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at 1:00 PM with Pastor Robert Hudson officiating. Interment follows in St. Georges UMC Cemetery, Clarksville, DE.

Electronic condolences to:

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Tribute Wall

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Louie O'day lit a candle in honor of Wilson James "Jim".

Gale and Wendy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Wilson. Jim was a great man and a better friend. I first met Wilson when we served in the Delaware National Guard, at D Battery in Georgetown. For some unknown reason we became close friends. Later we joined the State Police at the same time on November 1st, 1969.

We were in the same Academy Class, and our friendship continued to grow. I was assigned to the TAC Team, a traffic enforcement and radar team in Sussex County. I later found out that Jim had requested my transfer. I was a Corporal at that time and Jim was the Sergeant in charge of the team. These were the best three years of my career. The closeness our team members had was exceptional. The team consisted of Jim, myself, Herb Murray, Bill Dudley, Joe Forester and Horace Pepper. We worked hard and at times partied hard. Gail, do remember when the whole team with our wives got together at my house in Milford to have dinner and watch the long awaited episode of Dallas, "Who Shot J.R?". Quite a memory. I later served two years as a lieutenant with Jim when he was Troop Commander at Troop Five in Bridgeville. Jim was always a great role model and mentor. I regret that Wilson and I lost touch when he retired in 1989. We saw each other on a rare occasion. I have always considered Wilson a great and close friend. I am sure you are going to miss him greatly. Bev and I are living in Florida, so we can't attend the services. We will have You and Wendy in our thoughts and prayers. "God Bless" Louie and Bev O'Day

November 10 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous lit a candle in honor of Wilson James "Jim".

November 10 at 8:00 PM



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Kevin Murray lit a candle in honor of Wilson James "Jim".

My first memories of Uncle Jim were in the mid 60's. I was in awe of his red Mustang, maybe a '66? He often brought coolers full of fresh-caught flounder to his mom and dad's house that mom-mom would clean and cook for dinner. I'll never forget him taking me on my first squirrel hunt, checking his fishing nets in the Indian River, and of course I was always proud to say "My uncle is a Delaware State Trooper!". I'll miss his dry sense of humor and efforts to get our family together for dinners. I know Uncle Jim (Bro "J") and my dad (Bro "T") are reunited and keeping an eye on us from above. Take care Uncle Jimmy, we miss you.

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My husband was stationed at Troop 4 with Jim. We have such fond memories of times spent with Jim and Gail. The card games were such fun and we still have a jar with some Murray pennies. Can still see the crab that didnt want to get steamed grabbing for bare skin and Jim did not have a shirt on! While we havent seen him in years, he will be fondly remembered. Our deepest sympathy to Gail, Wendy and family. Our prayers are with you for peace and comfort.

November 8 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous lit a candle in honor of Wilson James "Jim".

November 7 at 8:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilson James "Jim" by
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