



James LaBarre

August 18, 1951 - September 5, 2011

Visitation for James R. "Jim" LaBarre, 60, of Manteno, will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Julie Freese will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Gettysburg Foundation. He died Monday (Sept. 5, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mr. LaBarre was a retired veteran of the Matteson Police Department after 23 years, and four years prior he worked for the Chicago Heights Police Department. He was currently with School District 162 as a paraprofessional for 10 years with the Huth Middle School. He served as a street officer, D.A.R.E. officer and community officer for School Districts 162 and 159. He was born Aug. 18, 1951, in Chicago, the son of Robert and LoisRee Ferreira LaBarre. He attended Prairie State College and graduated from the Chicago Police Academy and the Illinois Police D.A.R.E. Academy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1972, serving with the 23rd MPC and 196th Infantry Brigade, 23rd American Division. He was a member of the VFW Post 311 in Richton Park and past vice commander at the Manteno American Legion Post 755, and a member of the color guard and honor guard. He was a historian and antiques collector of the Civil War. He was a member of the Manteno Historical Society, the South Suburban Civil War Round Table and The Gettysburg Foundation Preservation. He held a third degree black belt in

karate. He was the ultimate family man who loved doing anything family related and loved his basset hound, Ulysses S. Grant. His wife and sons were always his priority, and he was loyal and moral and always committed to his beliefs.

Surviving are his wife, the former Michelle McGuire, of Manteno, whom he married July 2, 1970, in Park Forest; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Paula LaBarre, of Kankakee, and Steven and Becky LaBarre, of Manteno; and one sister and brother-in-law, Carol Ann and the Rev. Dale Sonier, of Glendale, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Martin and Alice McGuire.

Memorials can be made to Gettysburg Foundation - www.gettysburgfoundation.org/

Cemetery Details

Cedar Memorial Park

4200 First Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
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Graveside Service

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Memorial Park
4200 First Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jim was a good husband and father...and died much to young....Prayers and thoughts are with Michelle and Jason and Steve...God Bless all of you..Joan



Joan Foster - September 22, 2011 at 08:11 PM

RH

“ We give our sympathy prayers and love to the LaBarre Family during this sad time. Jim, we will miss your heartfelt care of animals and children. May you rest in peace.
With much love, Richton Park Animal Hospital.

richton park animal hospital - September 08, 2011 at 01:05 PM

BL

“ Jim was the best father to my dear husband, Steve, his youngest son. He and Michelle devoted their lives to raising both Jason and Steve to be loving, strong, compassionate family men- just like their dad. He accepted me into their family right away and loved me like his own from the minute I stated dating Steve. Jim's greatest legacy is the family that bears his name, which I am so privileged to now be a part of. I love you, Dad. Thank you for giving me the greatest gift, a beautiful man who will have you as an example to lead our family and raise your future grandchildren in the same loving way you raised him. We miss you so much. Life without you will never be the same.

-Becky Young LaBarre, Daughter-in-law



Becky Young LaBarre - September 08, 2011 at 11:05 AM

JD

“ Jim was a great friend, and a dedicated and active member of the 9th Regiment Infantry Indiana Volunteers Company E (the "9th Indiana") Civil War reenactors group for many years. Jim, Michelle, Jason, and Steve worked hard to keep the group together, and hosted and helped with many special events. Jim had a great sense of humor and was an authority on the Civil War, along with his sons. Jim, Michelle, and the boys were especially kind and helpful to us when we joined the 9th Indiana, and were always a wonderful and close family. Jim was a special guy who will be greatly missed.
Jack and Amy Dusek, Munster, IN

Jack Dusek - September 08, 2011 at 08:35 AM

SM

“ Jim was our neighbor for years, he, Michelle and the kids were great to have at our back door. I remember the times Jim came to my rescue when Jerry was on duty and I needed help. I know there were times when you helped at fire/accident scenes and helped to keep the area safe for the fire fighters. Thanks Jim for your dedicated service and you will be missed by all that knew you. Michelle Jerry and I are sending our deepest sympathy to you and the boys. He is in a better place now, may he rest in peace.

Jerry and Sharon Miller

Sharon Miller - September 07, 2011 at 07:41 PM

SR

“ Our sincere condolences to Jim's family. I had the pleasure of serving with Jim on Matteson PD. Jim was a fine Officer and a fellow Vietnam Vet.
As others have said, your time is done and you have served well.
Til we meet again.

Skip Redpath, Retired, Mesa, AZ PD

Skip Redpath - September 07, 2011 at 07:40 PM

LU

“ Your time is done, and you served well. There were many memories during the time we worked. My condolences to your family on your loss...

Larry Urbanek, Retired Matteson PD

Larry Urbanek - September 07, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim in the late 1970's as a dispatcher for Matteson Police. He was always respectful and easy to work with. I have not seen him since I left Matteson to enter my 27-yr 911 dispatch career with the Orland Park Police Dept, where I recently retired from. Jim was a great human being. My condolences go out to his family, as well as his Matteson Police "family." God Bless you, Jim. May you rest in peace. From Diane (Rogers) Dietz

D - September 07, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ "Jim was a fine officer with the Matteson Police Department. A good sense of humor and dedicated to serving the village residents. Your in a better place now. Gone but not forgotten." Dean M Wittenkeller, Village Trustee 1977-1985

Dean Wittenkeller - September 07, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ God speed brother officer. Your tour is done here. I am forever grateful you backed me up and saved me in a fight at the Covert Motel. I would have been seriously injured if you had not intervened. Forever, in my thoughts. Sgt. Larry Miller

Larry Miller - September 07, 2011 at 07:24 AM



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Dean Wittenkeller, Village Trustee 77-85 - September 07, 2011 at 09:16 AM

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Larry Urbanek - September 07, 2011 at 04:48 PM