



## James W. Ray

March 21, 1949 - April 14, 2020

James W. Ray, age 71, of Kankakee, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Citadel Nursing Home in Kankakee.

He was born March 21, 1949, the son of Calvin and Maggie Ray.

After graduating from Kankakee High School he enlisted in the US Navy. He served from 1967 to 1973. He married Linda Kroll on April 21, 1968 in Chebanse, IL. They divorced in 1990.

After the Navy, Jim started working at General Mills in Kankakee. This company went by many names while he was in their employee. He loved his job and had a lot of wonderful stories to tell about his friends and co-workers. He retired from BASF after 35 years.

He spent his free time watching old movies, admiring or working on old cars, yard work and laughing.

Jim is survived by his two daughters, Tammy (Tom) Anderson of Denton TX and Gena Ray of Yorkville IL, one brother, Mark (Barbara) Ray of Bradley, IL and his two nephew's, Anthony (Janie) Ray and Adam Ray.

He was preceded in death by his parents one brother Bobby and his ex-wife

Linda.

A private graveside service will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to The American Legion.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kankakee Memorial Gardens**

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ Jim loved his beautiful daughters, and was one of the best friends I ever could hope for. Jim was a silent but tough Vietnam Navy veteran. Thank God those of us who knew him got to be his friends. God bless Jim and his precious two daughters. Thank God that he was my father in law and good friend. One of the most intimidating but in the end nicest gentlemen I've ever encountered. He served his country during the Vietnam era. Thanks for that, Jim. Anyone who can come close to following in your footsteps is a great success. I'll see you on the other side, Sir.

Eric Lamb - September 11, 2024 at 01:18 AM

RL

“ Sorry for your lost. I hung around him when we were kids. We went to the Kankakee swimming pool many times. I was friends with his late brother, Bobby.

Ron LaFrance - April 24, 2020 at 08:59 AM

DP

“ Dave Panozzo lit a candle in memory of James W. Ray



Dave Panozzo - April 20, 2020 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Billy D. Patton lit a candle in memory of James W. Ray*



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**Billy D. Patton** - April 18, 2020 at 07:30 PM

CM

“ *Prayers for the family of Jim Ray. I worked with him for years. His nickname at work was Ichabod. Jim Malone*

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**Connie Malone** - April 15, 2020 at 08:58 PM

BP

“ *Jim was a wonderful man & I have a lot of great memories of him*



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**belinda powell** - April 15, 2020 at 06:18 PM

TM

“ *Worked with Jim at the plant for many years and considered him a friend.  
My Thoughts and Prayers are with the family. May he Rest In Peace.  
Ted Munsinger*

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**Ted Munsinger** - April 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM

BP

*So sorry to hear, a good friend, & co-worker, May He R.I.P.*

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**Billy D. Patton** - April 18, 2020 at 07:29 PM