



James Alan Amidon

January 31, 1947 - January 17, 2017

James Alan Amidon, 69, died Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. A life resident of LaFayette, NY, James was the son of the late Wayne and Virginia (Burt) Amidon. He was a graduate of LaFayette High School. After graduation, he joined the Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. James worked at Miller Brewery for almost 20 years and then retired for the first time from Covanta Energy. He then went on to volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center where he enjoyed helping his fellow veterans. He was then offered a job there and retired in 2016 because of health reasons. James' greatest joys in life were his daughter and granddaughter, who adored her Papa.

James is survived by his daughter, Michelle Amidon (Buddy Jacques) of LaFayette, NY; granddaughter, Alexis Manley of LaFayette, NY; brother, Wayne Amidon Jr. (Kathleen) of Maryland; nieces, Julie Coddington of Binghamton, NY and Melissa Graves of Florida; and several sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews from his previous marriage that he considered family. He was predeceased by a niece, Kelly Bourgeois.

Calling hours will be held Friday, January 20, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, NY 13084 with a funeral service to follow at the funeral home at 1 p.m. Burial will be in LaFayette Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the LaFayette VFW Post 1955, 2456 Route 11 South, LaFayette, NY 13084.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Alan Amidon*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My name is David ketchum. I worked 3rd shift at va medical center with James. He was the nicest friend that i worked with. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to all his family. God bless and take care!*

January 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *When I was very young, I remember Uncle Jim would bring me many things when he came home from overseas, one of which was a jewelry box that I still use today.*

Thinking of you Michelle and Alexis.

- Julie (Amidon), Karl, Jake, and Ben Coddington

Candle of Peace - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“James Amidon was one of my very best employees at the VA Medical Center. He was always willing to go the extra mile - even on short notice to provide the best work possible to maintain the best environment for our nations Veterans. When I left the department to work in another, I would often stop by to see James. His attitude and outlook on the positives in life were a blessing to my heart, and his co-workers felt the same way. There is a special place in heaven for James, for sure - amongst many other Heroes. Fly high Mr. Amidon, you served well!

Condolences to James's Daughter and Granddaughter (whom he spoke so highly of, often) and the rest of his family.

*Sincerely,
Latricia Walrath*

Candle of Memories - January 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“Michelle, Alexis, Buster, Sue and family,

My sympathies to you. I will really miss Jim. He always had insightful thoughts about the world around us and I deeply appreciated it when he shared them with me. I am so grateful I had a chance to share some laughs and tears with him so recently.

Greg Scammell

January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“You will be Missed Uncle Jim

January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your presence we miss and your memories we treasure, And always
in our thoughts and forever in our hearts*

January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM