



James Myron Blaine

February 14, 1978 - February 8, 2025

James Myron Blaine, 46, of Fenton, Missouri, passed away suddenly at his home on February 8, 2025. James was born on February 14, 1978, in St. Louis, Missouri, to James and Eileen Blaine. He was a Valentine's Day gift to his family, and he would go on to leave a lasting legacy of love and devotion.

A proud graduate of St. James High School, James joined the United States Navy, where he would spend many years serving his country. He retired with distinction and took great pride in his military career. James enjoyed the structure, travel, and adventure that life in the Navy provided, with his favorite postings being in San Diego and Hawaii. In his final years of service, James took on the role of recruiter, a testament to his natural leadership abilities.

James was united in marriage to Christine, and together they were the proud parents of their beloved daughter, Eileen. Although their marriage ended in an amicable divorce, James and Christine shared an unbreakable bond as co-parents, always putting Eileen's well-being first. Their joint commitment to her care allowed her to grow up with love and stability.

James was a family man at heart. He loved his family above all else and cherished the time spent with them. His father recalls a memorable moment when James, as a young child, was determined to stay on the riding lawn mower despite running it into a tree. James' perseverance and loyalty were

evident even at a young age, as he never left the seat of the mower, despite the mishap.

A devoted father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, James will be profoundly missed by all who knew him. His presence brought light and joy to the lives of many, and his memory will live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

James is survived by his daughter, Eileen J. Blaine of Rosebud, MO; his father and Step mother, James and Jo Blaine of Rolla, MO; sisters, Melissa Gertken (Salvatore) of Foristell, MO, and Jordan Ragan of Rolla, MO; step-brother, John Munich (Cindy) of Chesterfield, MO; the mother of his daughter, Christine Boone of Rosebud, MO; nephews Luke Gertken and Adam Munich; nieces Kai and Brianah Blaine; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen Munich, and stepfather, Robert (Bob) Munich.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. A funeral service will follow at 11:30 AM with Military Honors at 11:50 AM. Interment will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Waynesville, MO. Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warriors, with cards available at all James & Gahr locations, or flowers please have delivered to the St. James Chapel.

James' family and friends take comfort in knowing that he is now at peace, and his memory will forever be cherished.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Waynesville

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ I worked with James at Mobil. He is a part of our Mobil family and a friend. He will be missed and I pray for him and his family. Due to weather and living so far away, I will nit be able to make the service today but my thoughts are with you all💔

Julie Knight - February 18, 2025 at 07:49 AM

MN

“ Much love - Cathy, Shannon, and Narine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Myron Blaine.

Much love - Cathy, Shannon, and Narine - February 17, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MN

“ Much love - Cathy, Shannon, and Narine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Myron Blaine.



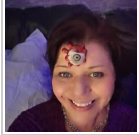
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RC

“ Rhonda and Valenda Curtis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Myron Blaine.



Rhonda and Valenda Curtis - February 17, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ James was one of the kindest boys I attended school with. It never mattered to him what kind of day he was having, sometimes you can't help that. He COULD help someone else to have a good day, though, and he did what he could to see to it. We weren't close friends but you didn't have to be his best friend for him to be a friend to you. He knew what many kids don't realize, being yourself is the only requirement in life. The only thing that really matters, what people will remember, it's not your grades or what street you lived on, not how you took to a dance or who came to your birthday parties, how you treated people is how you'll be remembered. We have lost a great many classmates. I left St James in 92 and the 2 schools combined, the number is staggering. Every loss is a shock, and despite the fact that I'm staying the same age, all the great folks who learned alongside me are advancing in age, it's no easier at 47 as it was at 17 to learn that someone so young with so much promise is gone. It's sad to lose anyone you knew, but when someone like James is gone so young, the thought actually occurs that SO MUCH will be different for SO MANY. I had not seen him since my mid teens, but even as a boy, he was a gentleman. As a young man, he was an old soul.

To the family and friends of James Blaine- I am simultaneously so unbelievably happy for you and understandably sad as well. You've lost a man who -assuming he never changed from the child I met- left "it" better than he found it. Whatever it was. People were better for meeting him, his presence warmed and softened places that intimidated others (ie, school, etc). He held an understanding and a respect for people that most of us don't learn til we are out and in the world. Although life saw us down different paths, I imagine wherever he went and whomever he met, he left them as impressed by him as I was. God bless his family and friends

Amy Skyles - February 12, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MG

I can't even begin to thank you enough for these beautiful words. I'm crying reading them, but my tears are different than the ones I've been crying all week... I'm crying because this is so heartfelt and perfect and would have made him so happy and proud to read. Today is his birthday and he would've been 47, and I really feel somehow he is feeling all of our energy and knows how you feel. Thank you, sweet girl.

Melissa Gertken - February 14, 2025 at 07:50 AM

PF

“ Jimmy,
We are so sorry about James: know we are praying for him and the whole family. May God bless you all with peace.
Michael and Pat Friend

pat friend - February 12, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ You will be missed my Antietam Brother

Mark Carter - February 11, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Navy Days



Mark Carter - February 11, 2025 at 09:45 PM