



James Ray Marcus JR

July 20, 1923 - June 3, 2018

James Ray Marcus Jr. of St. James, Missouri passed away Sunday, June 3, 2018 at the St. James Veterans Home surrounded by his family, at the age of 94. James was born in Fillmore, Missouri on July 20, 1923 to the late James Ray Sr. and Eva Earl (Hopkins) Marcus.

James was drafted into the United States Army and served from January 1943 - November 1945. It was WWII, and James was sent to North Africa before heading into Italy where he went to Salerno, made invasion of Anzio, and went the full length of Italy to the Swiss border. James earned 4 Battle Stars, and 1 Invasion Arrow. James returned home and on November 15, 1947 he married the love of his life Miss Margaret Mackey, this union was blessed with three children. James went to work for a High Voltage Electric Highline Company he and Margaret , and the children traveled around and he worked building the highline; after the children got older and in school, Margaret decided that life on the road was not something that they needed to be doing anymore so they settled down in St. James. They bought a small farm and raised their family , and a few head of cattle. James went to work at the Missouri Veterans Home where he spent the next 30 years in the Maintenance Department, retiring as the Maintenance Supervisor. He loved to be outdoors, always planting beautiful flower gardens, and a very bountiful vegetable garden.

James was a member of the St. James Church of Christ, an Honorary Lifetime member of the St. James Sports Club, Boy Scout Troop #95 supporter and

always ready to lend a hand, and for several years the baseball coach for the American Legion Baseball. He loved sports and was the St. James Tigers #1 fan for every sport. James was a teacher of all things, he taught by example; he never let another man down, he fulfilled every obligation he ever undertook, his word was his bond and everyone knew it. He was a great man and will not only be missed by his family, but the entire St. James sporting community as well. As ironic as it sounds, about three years ago James returned to the Veterans Home, this time as a resident, he took great pride in being able to help the Maintenance Department if they needed to know where a line was when they had to dig one up, and also as "Resident Gardner" he just recently planted about 12 tomato plants outside to share with his fellow residents.

James is survived by his children, J.R. Marcus and wife Barb, of St. James, MO, Terry Richardson and husband Jim, of Rolla, MO, and Tarita Todd and husband Phil, of Waynesville, MO; grandchildren, Michelle Losing, of St. James, MO, Amy Brewer and husband Bill, of Rolla, MO, Justin Richardson and wife Tammy, of Rolla, MO, Julie Parsons and husband Richard, of Edgar Springs, MO, Andrea Klump and husband Steve, of Kansas City, MO, and Wendy Hill and husband Scott, of Rogersville; 18 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson, a host extended family and friends.

Funeral services for James Ray Marcus JR will be held Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 10:00AM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Lynn Huggins officiating. Internment with Full Military Honors will be at Meramec Hill Memorial Cemetery in Cuba, Missouri with Levi Chew, Broc Losing, Justin Richardson, Lane Richardson, Steve Klump, and Scott Hill serving as Pallbearers, and Hilbern Whitson, and Richard Parsons serving as Honorary Pallbearers. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 5-8PM. Memorials are suggested to the St. James Veterans Home Assistance League, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James
117 Seymour St.
St. James, MO 65559
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Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Military Honors

JUN 7. 11:30 AM (CT)

Meramec Hills Cemetery
Cuba, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *James Ray Marcus JR*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *James Ray Marcus JR*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Love, Mike and Sheila Raulston purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Ray Marcus JR.*



Love, Mike and Sheila Raulston - June 06, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ *I don't think Mr. Marcus ever really knew my name but he always recognized me when he would see me and say "There's ole Rebound" because being a basketball mom I was always hollering "Rebound." Thank you for your service, sir, and may you rest in peace.*

Donna Kreisler - June 06, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sorry we cannot make the funeral. Please accept our sympathy. Allan and Carol Klages.*

Allan and Carol Klages - June 05, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ Renee Brueckner lit a candle in memory of James Ray Marcus JR



Renee Brueckner - June 05, 2018 at 08:31 AM



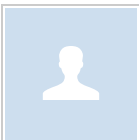
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We know he was so special to all of you.

Renee Brueckner - June 05, 2018 at 08:32 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss RIP James prayers for your family....John Lee Cuccarollo and Cathy

Cathy Rogers - June 05, 2018 at 06:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Ray Marcus JR.



June 04, 2018 at 09:33 PM

JO

“ Joanie sent a virtual gift in memory of James Ray Marcus JR



Joanie - June 04, 2018 at 08:41 PM

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“ *It was an honor to know u respect you and luv you which was the easy part. Thank you for our frienship.*

Joanie - June 04, 2018 at 08:34 PM