



## James Loyd Wilkerson

April 11, 1943 - April 4, 2025

James Loyd Wilkerson passed away on April 4th, 2025, at the age of 81, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 11, 1943, to Lloyd Wilkerson and Mary Elizabeth Marsh.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lillie Maria Wilkerson of the home and his children Dennis (Teena) Wilkerson, Dana (Scott) Wilkerson Wagner, Doris (David) Wilkerson Romi, his step-children Michael (Sharon) Towell, James Robert Moore, and Step-daughter-in-Law Sunju Pitts, his siblings; Louritta (Prentice) Wilkerson Duncan, Theodore (Kathy) Wilkerson and siblings-in-law Ethel Barnett Sanders and Dave (Elaine) Barnett Brumett. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and numerous Great-grandchildren.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, his bother Curtus Wilkerson, his sister Judy (James) Wilkerson Armstrong, his sister-in-law Dorothy Barnett Zorumski, his brother-in-law Burley Sanders, and his step-son Stephen Pitts.

Jim was married to Lillie Maria Wilkerson on March 3rd, 1988; they were married for 38 years.

Jim had a 24 year career in the United States Army. He served his Country in the Viet Nam war and earned the rank of 1st Sergeant. After the war, he served in Germany and was in command of 500 troops in the 2nd Armor division. He then was NCO in charge of training troops for the Gulf War at the German Howl Academy.

After Jim retired from the military he worked for a short time at Poe's Gas in Rolla, Missouri and was a tree trimmer. Then he began a new career as a

PVC pipe maker at Cantex Incorporated in Rolla, Missouri from which he retired.

Jim's hobbies were lawn and garden work and woodworking. He and his wife created a beautifully landscaped yard with many flower gardens. At Christmas time they lit up their home and yard so that it became a show place for people to drive by and enjoy. Jim loved helping out friends and family or anyone who needed help. He is remembered as a kind, generous, friendly and loving man.

# Cemetery Details

## Newburg Cemetery

Newburg, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Condolences to Maria: James/Jim/First Sergeant/Top was one of the greatest people I've encountered in my lifetime; he always looked out for me as well as all his other soldiers. - Marco

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**Marco** - May 13, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LK

“ Love all your kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Loyd Wilkerson.

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**Love all your kids** - April 07, 2025 at 12:03 PM

LK

“ Love all your kids purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Loyd Wilkerson.



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**Love all your kids** - April 07, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AB

“ Anna and Bethany purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Loyd Wilkerson.



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**Anna and Bethany** - April 07, 2025 at 10:02 AM

SL

“ Sunju, Chris, Hannah, Brandon and Laynee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Loyd Wilkerson.

Sunju, Chris, Hannah, Brandon and Laynee - April 06, 2025 at 04:40 PM

SL

“ Sunju, Chris, Hannah, Brandon and Laynee purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James Loyd Wilkerson.



Sunju, Chris, Hannah, Brandon and Laynee - April 06, 2025 at 04:40 PM

RF

“ Randy Gallatin and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Loyd Wilkerson.

Randy Gallatin and family. - April 05, 2025 at 05:15 PM

RF

“ Randy Gallatin and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Loyd Wilkerson.



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FF

“ From the Romi family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Loyd Wilkerson.



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**From the Romi family** - April 04, 2025 at 08:37 PM

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“ From the Romi family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Loyd Wilkerson.

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**From the Romi family** - April 04, 2025 at 08:37 PM