

**James R. "Jim" Burrett, 71**  
**St. Cloud, MN**  
**Aug. 15, 1946 - Oct. 9, 2017**



Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids for James Roy Burrett, age 71, who died Monday at the VA Hospice Center in St. Cloud following a yearlong battle with lung cancer. Rev. Ralph Zimmerman will officiate and burial will be Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Friends and family may gather from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids and one hour prior to the services at the church on Saturday.

Jim was born Aug. 15, 1946 to Robert and Andree (Tatro) Burrett in West Union, Iowa. He graduated from Waukon High School in 1965. Jim proudly served his country with the United States Army from 1965-67, serving 14 months in Vietnam. On April 11, 1970 he was united in marriage to Mary K. Hennen in Morris. Together they raised

three children; Jeffery James, Krista Kathryn, and Kara Elizabeth. Jim worked in construction as a carpenter until his retirement in 2008. He enjoyed keeping busy with handy man work, fishing, playing cribbage, and watching the Minnesota Vikings. Jim was very hard working, thoughtful, loving, and kind. He especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary of St. Cloud; children, Jeffrey Burrett (Tammy Gehrke) of St. Cloud, Krista (Jason) Rainer of Sauk Rapids, Kara (Jeremy) Lupinek of Oconomowoc, Wis.; eight grandchildren, Gunnar, Skylar, and Lily Burrett, Kaeleigh, Kaety and Kaelin Rainer, and Spencer and Lauren Lupinek; ten siblings, Mary (Gordy) Lubahn of Byron, Robbie (Brenda) Burrett of Waterville, Iowa, Pam (Kenny) Berding of Walker, Terry (Donnie) Johnson of Waukon, Iowa, Don Burrett of Atlanta, Ga., Nancy (Gary) Welper of Laramie, Wyo., Dawn Blocker and special friend, Larry Feaker of La Porte City, Iowa, Penny (Dave) Wheeler of Postville, Iowa, Keith (Margaret) Burrett of Waukon, Iowa, Wayne Burrett of Waukon, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law, Ray and Kathleen Hennen; and brother-in-law, Dick Blocker.

A special thank you to the staff at the VA Medical Center for their care and kindness to Jim and our family during his illness.

Obituary, guest book and video tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).