



## James R. Hartgraves

July 4, 1946 - April 14, 2019

James "Jim" R. Hartgraves, 72, of Solsberry, Indiana passed away on April 14, 2019 at IU Bloomington Health Hospital.

Jim was born on July 4, 1946 in Bloomington, IN to the late Richard and Virginia (Delaney) Hartgraves. He attended BHS Bloomington and went on to work for Sears as a delivery driver in 1965 and joined the National Guard the same year. Jim served in the Army as an instructor for the forward observer with the 155 and 8th artillery. He married the love of his life Judy Warthan on February 15, 1997 at United Pentecostal Assembly in Bloomington. Jim was active in his community. He was a member of United Pentecostal Assembly for 22 years and was a longtime member of the American Legion Post 18 and the Martinsville Masonic Lodge #74. Family was very important to Jim and he enjoyed spending time with his son at the racetrack and setting off fireworks on the fourth of July. Jim had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor; he loved to tease. His kindness and love touched the lives of everyone who knew him. He was a beloved husband, father, and friend and will be deeply missed. Jim was very proud of his military service; these are some things he accomplished while he served his country. Jim was in the National Guard and Army Reserve from January 1965 until June 1995, he retired a E8/ MSC. Jim was stationed at many bases in the United States such as Fort Knox, Fort Sill, Camp Ripley Minnesota, Camp Riley Kansas, Fort Carson Colorado, and Camp Grayling Michigan. He was an Instructor for the artillery fire support team forward observer 155 and 8th artillery howitzers. Jim was honored with

several awards during his time in the military including the Humanitarian Service and Armed Forces Reserve Award, Army Reserve and National Guard Components Achievement, and Army Service, National Defense, and Indiana Distinguished Service Award. Jim was also involved in specialized training and mastered different skills, he fired 5 different weapons on an expert level. He instructed cold weather survival with proficiency in snow skiing and using snow shoes.

Jim is survived by his wife of 22 years, Judy Hartgraves; children, Frank R. Hartgraves (Stacy), Eric Gotwals (Betsy); siblings, Donna Mobley (Dave), Bob Hartgraves (Linda); grandsons, Zachary Hartgraves (Amanda) and Cory Meadows; and 2 great-grandchildren

Jim is preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Tracy Noel officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Allen Funeral Home. A masonic service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday April 18, 2019 at the funeral home to conclude visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jim to the building fund at United Pentecostal Assembly or Legion Post #18.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence for Jim's family at [allencares.com](http://allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Masonic Service

APR 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
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Bloomington, IN 47401  
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## Service

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APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AV

“ I was honored to serve with MSG Hartgraves as a young captain. NCOs are the backbone of the Army and Jim was one of the best. My condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Al Velasquez  
LTC JA (ret)

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**Albert Velasquez** - April 18, 2019 at 07:55 PM

RB

“ MSG (R) Hartgraves will be sadly missed. He was a great soldier. Always prepared always ready and always able to be counted on. He trained many soldiers with the 1-238th Cavalry, the 138th Air Defense Artillery (MANPADS). Rest In Peace.

We're praying for his family.  
CSM (R) Marion Bush

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**Rev. Marion Bush** - April 18, 2019 at 02:35 PM

PF

“ Pastor & Sis. Tracy S. Noel and The FLC purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of James R. Hartgraves.



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**Pastor & Sis. Tracy S. Noel and The FLC** - April 17, 2019 at 05:05 PM



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - April 17, 2019 at 09:48 AM