



## James Arthur Rayle

April 27, 1950 - March 30, 2026

James Arthur Rayle, 75, of Bedford, IN, passed away on Monday, March 30th, 2026, at his residence. Jimmy (aka Jim) was born on April 27, 1950, in Bloomington, IN and was the son of Wilburn and Emma Jean (Puett) Rayle.

Jim was retired from Auto Body Shop. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. Jim was very active with his VA Club brothers and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with family and friends. He also loved his Harleys.

Jim is survived by his two daughters, Tracey Dawn Smith (Thomas) of Bloomington and Crystal Lynn Thornton and spouse, John Deckard of Ellettsville; four grandchildren, Hannah Dawn Acton (Brent), Dylan Thomas Smith, Brady Shane Smith (Savannah) of Bloomington; Madison Brooklyn Jane Strunk (Anthony) of Ellettsville; four great grandchildren, Orion Seth, Scarlett, Nolan, all of Bloomington, Emmersyn Jane Strunk of Ellettsville; former son-in-law, Jonathan Thornton; sister-in-law, Judith "Judy" Rayle and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilburn Rayle; mother, Emma Jean Rayle; sister, Marjorie S. Dausch; brother, Tom Rayle; nephew Scott Burns; two brother-in-laws, Jim Dausch and Bob Burns; and his beloved dog Dixie.

A celebration of life will be held at Harvest Church (691 W. Indiana Avenue, Spencer, IN, 47460) on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 1pm with pastor Travis Gardner officiating.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Harvest Church  
691 W. Indiana Avenue  
Spencer, IN 47460

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pam Andis Jones lit a candle in memory of James Rayle*



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**Pam Andis Jones** - April 04 at 01:09 PM