



James Willard Canup Sr.

January 22, 1947 - February 2, 2021

Age 74, a resident of Braidwood for over 40 years, passed away at his home on February 2, 2021. Born on January 22, 1947 in Cairo, IL to the late Willard and Violet Canup. He retired from Caterpillar after 30 years of employment there. Passionate about his community, he served as a Braidwood Park Commissioner and was on the Braidwood Zoning Board. He was a member of Phelan Acres Bible Church. James was in the Marines (1964-1968) and served in Vietnam. He was the Commander of the American Legion Post #39. He was instrumental in getting the V.A Clinic set up in Joliet, IL. He loved to carry on conversations, so much so that he would even talk to himself. He was a Star Trek enthusiast, even playing hooky with his kids just to see the movies; a fan of '50's and '60's music, insisting that he once went out on a date with Karen Carpenter; and a very proud American, almost disowning his son for even thinking of buying a foreign vehicle. But above all else, he was a father to everyone. His kindness and generosity knew no boundaries. While his body goes on to rest, his soul will live through every person that knew him. Surviving are his loving wife, Marilyn Canup; sons, James Canup, Jr., Thomas Canup and Kevin (fiancée Mindy) Canup; daughter, Kimberly (Brian) Elias; grandchildren, Adam and Brianne Elias; brother, Ron (Renee) Canup; and several nieces and cousins.

Funeral services will be at the RW Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Private interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Visitation will be Thursday, February

11, 2021 from 4 – 8 pm. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in his name may be directed to the Braidwood American Legion. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
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Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BN

“ We would like to offer our condolences to Kim, Brian and the rest of the family on the passing of Jim. We pray for God’s abundant peace and understanding to the entire family.

Brian and Laurie Naretto - February 11, 2021 at 07:30 AM

TF

“ With the passing of Jim, our community has lost a special member. Jim loved and was very proud of his family, community and country. We'll always remember his dedication and coaching of his children in Braidwood Baseball. Jim never knew a stranger and was a friend to all. May God bring comfort and peace to his family.

The Horath Family

The Horath Family - February 10, 2021 at 06:20 PM

KV

“ Dear Marilyn, Jimmy, Tommy, Kevin & Kim and family,

Kevin and I were so saddened to hear about Jim’s sudden passing. Jim always had a smile on his face when greeting you. He loved his country. His involvement with the community and the love he had for his family reflected well his values. He will be missed. May God give you all special comfort in the days ahead.

Kevin & Debby Vig - February 10, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MT

“ Marilyn & family: We hope you find consolation during these sad days.. Our prayers are with you ,
Matt & Carol Thraen.

Matt & Carol Thraen. - February 10, 2021 at 02:41 PM

RN

“ Jim will be missed by all who ever met him. Working with him in little league was a joy.
Jim and Roberta Neumann

Roberta Neumann - February 08, 2021 at 05:34 PM

TM

“ I am sorry for your loss. Your family and Jim are in our prayers. I work with Jim at Caterpillar many years ago. We had many interesting conversations. I will remember Jim as a good, honest hard working man . Who was always willing to help others. RIP Jim ..



Tim Mitchell - February 07, 2021 at 08:56 PM

TM

“ I am sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and the family. I worked with Jim at caterpillar for a few years. He was a good man and always willing to help. I must say we had some interesting conversations . He will be missed ..RIP

Tim Mitchell - February 06, 2021 at 01:49 PM

BM

“ "Our hearts go out to Jim's family and friends.
Prayers to you all"
Hugs and prayers
Barbara Mayfield



Barbara Mayfield - February 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM

TY

“ Our sincere condolences to the Canup family!
I knew Jim for 44 years, he was always
friendly and involved in the community! He
will be missed!
Sincerely Yankee family!



Tina and Keith Yankee - February 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ Jim was a devoted member and supporter of the American Legion,
Koca Post, in Braidwood. He will be missed by many people who
knew him.
RIP, Jim!!!

Dee deGroh, President Emeritas, BAHS. - February 05, 2021 at 02:56 PM

LF

Lifting you and your family up in prayer at this difficult time. May God
comfort you, and give you His peace. Sincerely, LaVonda French

lavonda french - February 05, 2021 at 05:29 PM

JJ

He definitely will be missed by a lot of people who knew him.

James Canup Jr. - February 05, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JC

I was with Jim in Viet Nam in 1965. He was a decent guy and always
his own man. Best wishes to all of his family.
Jack Carr

Jack Carr - July 22, 2024 at 06:28 PM