



## James F. Tacchia

July 2, 1947 - June 10, 2017

James F. "Jim" Tacchia

Age 69, of Essex, IL, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017 at home with family at his side following a two year battle with cancer.

Surviving are his partner in so many adventures of life, his "wife" Lisa of 37 years; son, James (Gina) Tacchia Jr. of Joliet, IL; granddaughter, Emma, whom he was so proud. Also surviving are aunt, Patricia Majetic of Shorewood; cousins, Mike Majetic and Gina Fuvey, Len (Sara) Majetic of Wausau, WI; nephew, Joe (Kelly) Tacchia of Custer Park; brothers, Michael (Colleen) Tacchia and Tony Tacchia of Wisconsin; in-laws, Earl and Marge Roll of Edelstein, IL; sister and brother-in-law, Gary and Marilyn Fuller; sister-in-law, Cindy Bashusen; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam. Jim was a founding member of Midwest TOP Sportsman Drag Racing Association. One of his greatest loves was drag racing. Jim and Lisa, along with his very special "team family members" won several championships and awards. Jim started drag racing in the mid 60's and this season of 2017 was the first he would miss. Riding his beloved Harley Davidson Motorcycle through the Northwoods of Wisconsin or riding with the other racers and friends on "off racing" weekends was something he loved to do. He was a truck driver most of his working career, most with Hoyt Bros. Trucking of Joliet hauling U.S. Mail

retiring three years ago. Jim and Lisa lived in central Wisconsin for 24 years on a very large potato farm and hauled potatoes to Chicago everyday and have many friends still there. Moving back to Joliet area 12 years ago to care for his mother. Jim and Lisa settled in Essex.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be private.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at High Point Estates Clubhouse in Essex.

For more information find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

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# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ remembering all the good times we all had at your Dads tavern, rest in peace Jim, Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson - June 19, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 14, 2017 at 11:32 AM

TP

“ So sorry to hear about Jim, one of the good guys.  
I never thought that back in '65 when Jim bought my tricked out Ford drag car, that he'd catch the bug and make racing his passion. We'd lost contact over the years as so many of us do anymore. I regret that happening.  
Tony, Micky, Jim's family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
God Bless

Terry Panian  
Hayward WI

Terry Panian - June 13, 2017 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ *Such a dear friend and racer! We love you and will surely miss you. We send our symphathy to Lisa and to the rest of Jim's family, we have lost a truley good man. Love Always, Family Affair Racing*

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**Myron and Judy Mertens** - June 13, 2017 at 11:20 AM

JT

“ *i will always remember the 57 olds and 50's ford when we used to visit grandmas and i would ask you to burn em up and you would smoke the tires. you were always hot roding around rockdale. you inspired me n i finally got my own harley and we raced around together. you were always there for advice. thx, miss you, cuz, john ties*

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**john ties** - June 13, 2017 at 11:17 AM

DM

“ *I would like to give my Sincre condolences & Prayers to the Tachia Family at this very difficult time .I will surely miss seeing him at the Track for yrs to come .May God Bless Lisa & the entire Tachia Family .God Speed Jim see u at the track.... Don Moore & Family Be BLESSED ...*

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**Don Moore** - June 12, 2017 at 10:01 PM

SF

“ *Good racer. Great guy. Racing in heaven now. from Animal Jim*

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**Sam Foyer** - June 12, 2017 at 07:51 PM