



James Matthew Steinmetz

April 21, 1963 - June 18, 2024

James (Jim) M. Steinmetz died on June 18, 2024 in a tragic motorcycle accident in Colorado. At his time of death, Jim was on his annual motorcycle trip, where he spent several joyful days visiting mountains, landmarks, and national parks. Jim was an avid athlete in his youth, participating in wrestling, football, and track. He graduated from Baldwin Wallace College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Following graduation, Jim spent four years as an Officer in the U.S. Navy. Jim was a retired Police Officer. He served a 25+ year career with the Middleburg Heights Police, where he retired at the rank of Lieutenant.

After retirement, Jim moved to the Tucson, Arizona area. He was a beloved member of his community, participating in pickleball, square dancing, Euchre (as a true Midwesterner), and many other hobbies and activities. As Jim frequently expressed, his wish was to become a part-time bus driver in retirement. He fulfilled that wish, and worked for years as a shuttle bus driver where he transported riders to and from medical appointments.

Jim was the son of Alan (deceased) and Patricia (nee Topping). Father to Katherine (Rex) and Megan Butler (William). Cherished grandfather to Henry Butler. Brother to Julie Steinmetz Bito, Steven (deceased), and Elizabeth Sable (Mark). Long-time partner of Lisa Wahlgren (deceased), honorary step-

father to Kara MacKay (John) and Jeph Wahlgren, and honorary step-grandfather to Evan MacKay and Sophie MacKay. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in honor of Lisa Wahlgren

A Celebration of Life Service Saturday June 29, 2024 at 2:30 PM. The family will receive friends Saturday 12 Noon – 2:30 PM at the A. RIPEPI AND SONS FUNERAL HOME, 18149 BAGLEY ROAD, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OH (West of I-71).

Inurnment will take place on Wednesday July 3, 2024 at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery at 9:15 AM.

For more information, please visit the following link.

<https://www.aripepiandsons.com/obituary/JAMES-STEINMETZ>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

A. Ripepi & Sons Funeral Homes
18149 Bagley Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130