



James D Courson

February 8, 1945 - September 5, 2024

James DeWayne Courson, 79, of Emlenton, passed away early Thursday morning, 9/5/24, at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh after a sudden illness. He was born in Butler, PA, on February 8, 1945, to the late Harry D. and Thelma Rose Serafine Courson. He was baptized in the Catholic faith. Jim was a 1963 graduate of the Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Air Force and served in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star and other accommodations. He was a graduate of Pittsburgh Aeronautics Institute. Always a gifted mechanic, in 1988 Jim purchased his first equipment to start his own automotive machine shop, Courson Engines. Building on his deep passion for all things racing, he began this venture with the goal of building winning race engines for all forms of motorsports, at which he was successful. Starting in 2006 his youngest son Brad joined him in the business. Jim remained active with the business everyday until driving off into the sunset. Jim was a

member of the

Pennsylvania State Grange and the VFW post 2145 in Clarion.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Susan Courson, of Emlenton, three sons: Clayton

(Tammy) Courson of Emlenton; Adam (Danielle Blair) Courson of Knox; Bradford (Amanda)

Courson of Emlenton and one sister, Roseann (Ron) Klingler of Shreveport, LA. He was blessed

with three granddaughters: Jady, Cora, and Kaley.

Friends will be received at the Buzard Funeral Home in Eau Claire (201 S. Washington St.) on Sunday the 8th from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Military Honors will be held the following day on Monday the 9th at the Funeral Home at 10:45 am followed by the Funeral at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scrubgrass Grange, Emlenton, PA or the VFW.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Eau Claire
201 S. Washington St
PO Box 182
Eau Claire, PA 16030
(724) 791-2484

Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Eau Claire
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Military Honors

SEP 9. 10:45 AM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Eau Claire
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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Jim was a great man who I had the privilege of knowing. Always willing to lend a hand when you needed him. Sympathy to the family, You will be missed.
Dora Crawford

Dora Crawford - September 10, 2024 at 02:01 PM

RZ

“ Randy Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D Courson.

Randy Z. - September 07, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LP

“ Gracious God with faith in the Resurrection, I pray for James D. Courson and for all the faithful departed. With joy, I thank you for what we shared in this life. With love, I entrust them with your mercy. Purify them and welcome them to your Kingdom where they will see you face to face. O Lord, Grant them eternal peace and rest.

With blessed anticipation I look forward to the coming age, when, we all shall be with your grace. I shall see you and be with them again...

Leonard F. Prokopchak

Leonard F. Prokopchak - September 07, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DO

“ To my favorite cousin. May you rest in peace.

Donna

Donna - September 07, 2024 at 12:48 PM

LL

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Jim was a gem. As a teenager, I remember hanging out with his crew when they worked on firebird drag car at Bishop's garage. He fired it up well past midnight one night and I said do think that might wake a few people up? He said, “ no worry they will go back to sleep eventually!” I remember he never liked that hill before the starting line at Quaker City. We sure had a lot of fun Sunset Dragstrip and his car always performed well.
He was always encouraging to me to follow my racing dreams and I truly appreciated that

Rest in peace Jim

Lynn Lipko - September 06, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James D Courson.



September 06, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JM

“ Jason & Faith Mahle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D Courson.

Jason & Faith Mahle - September 06, 2024 at 09:44 PM

MP

“ *Michael E Prokopchak lit a candle in memory of James D Courson*



Michael E Prokopchak - September 06, 2024 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Another of my cousins, James DeWayne Courson, (Jim) has joined the heavenly ranks of our parents and another cousin, Frank Piccola, (Pic/Buddy). We boys of our parents, grow-up together and had many enjoyable experiences together. We all dabbled in trying to buy/build cars that would lay black rubber on the pavement and had loud exhaust noise. I will miss him and will remember on times together at the Serafine annual reunions on Snow Hill, etc. Michael E. Prokopchak (Buzzie), Harwood, Md.)*

Michael E Prokopchak (Buzzie) - September 06, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James D Courson.*



September 06, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James D Courson.



September 06, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Jim Courson. He was a friend for many years to me and my family. May Jim” Rest in Peace “ and Susan, Clay, Adam and Brad always feel the Joy of the Husband and the Father that Jim was 🙏

Paul & Carole Calderone - September 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James D Courson.



September 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Your friends at Wabtec planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D Courson.

Your friends at Wabtec - September 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James D Courson.*



September 06, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Thomas K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D Courson.*

Thomas K. - September 06, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Dear Sue and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Words can't begin to describe the sadness I feel for your grief. You will be in my prayers.*

Shelia Hillwig - September 05, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Deepest condolences Sue and family. Sending my thoughts and prayers at this time for peace.
Liz*



Liz Grossman - September 05, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sue & Entire Courson Family-Our deepest condolences in your loss. May the wonderful memories you each cherish, carry you through this time of sorrow. Keeping all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Steve & Susan King - September 05, 2024 at 08:39 PM