



James Madison Raburn

May 18, 1944 - January 6, 2022

James Madison Raburn passed away peacefully of natural causes with family by his side on January 6, 2022, at age 77. Jim was born in Washington, NC to Joseph and Mary Raburn in a large family with five adoring sisters and two tenacious brothers. He moved to St. George Utah at age 17 to work at the Adams-Pendleton Body Shop and live with his sister Harriet. Jane Isom met a slick haired, white tee shirt and rolled up jeans wearing man who she recalled was the most handsome man she had ever met. Jim and Jane were married in August 1963, and she would say, he was the love of her life. Soon after, they started their family by having a beautiful baby girl, Monica and later two handsome boys, James and Joseph. His nurturing mother, sisters and brothers were a core driving force in his life pushing him back to Swan Quarter NC every summer to share his foundation with his new family. Driving back east was one of the many joyful memories the children have of their loving father. Jim asked Jane if he could realize his lifelong dream of being a police officer for St George City. He joined the small force in 1967 as a reserve patrol officer. Jim's 27-year career with the St. George Police Department included attaining Sergeant, Lieutenant Dispatch Supervisor, Patrol Commander, and Lieutenant Commander Detective. He took pride being a member of the St George Police Department, gained lifelong friends, shaped it into what it is today, and his career can be characterized as loving his community, caring for others and comical. During his career, he graduated from the Utah Police Academy and FBI National Academy while attending

Weber State University criminology school. He enjoyed recounting stories of escorting Robert Redford and Willie Nelson during movie production and President Gordon B Hinkley touring the Santa Clara River flooding disaster. After retiring from the St. George Police department, he extended his career with the Hyde County NC Sheriff department and the Santa Clara UT Police Department.

While in St. George, he joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks where he was twice elected Exalted Ruler, awarded Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Utah Elk of the Year. Jim's favorite time of year was his participation in the Lions Club Dixie Roundup Rodeo because he could take tickets from friends while sneaking in his grandchildren. Later in life he worked for Painter's Chrysler where he was the Rodeo Dodge man. Jim was an active participant in the communities Chamber of Commerce on the Board of Directors and Retail Merchants Association. In 1991, Jim was the recipient of the ZCMI Man of the Year awarded for outstanding community service. Jim was a Christian who loved all churches and religions but especially loved a fiery sermon from an eloquent preacher. Jim's real joy were his nine grandchildren that were spoiled extensively. Each one of them have a funny story of how Grandpa Jim impacted their life. He would later share boastful pictures of his 16 great grandchildren with his sisters. He cherished his family. Jim's last year of life was spent in the gentle care of the wonderful staff at Autumn Park Care Facility and Red Rock Hospice.

Jim was preceded in death by his son, Joseph, his brothers Jackie and JW, and his sister Mary Lou. Jim is survived by his children, Monica Jo Bracken (Burton) and James Madison Raburn (Rebecca), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his sisters Harriett, Lenora, Josephine and Doris, his nieces and nephews, friends and colleagues, and police family. All are welcome to celebrate the life of Jimmy Raburn at the St George Elks Lodge on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 12 noon. Jim's ashes will be laid to rest where his heart has always been in Hyde County North Carolina at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (MT)

Elks Lodge

630 W 1250 N

St George, UT 84790

<http://www.elks1743.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - August 06, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SS

“ *Prayers and thoughts continue to all of Jimmy's family and friends. He truly was one of a kind and loved family and his Hyde County home!. Prayers for comfort and peace as you share and reflect on all the happy memories shared.*

Sharon G Sadler - January 18, 2022 at 11:17 PM

KL

“ Jim,

Well, old friend, you put up a good fight! I have so many fond memories of you as we served together on the St. George PD. These always bring a smile and sometimes laughter! You were the first Lieutenant on the department, and the first to attend the FBI National Academy. You led the way for those of us who followed.

I believe you were the only officer who visited me, just to visit, after our retirement. I am sorry I lost contact with you these past few years. I still have the History of the St. George Police Department ready for you! Perhaps a family member will pick it up for you?

I thank you always for your kindest throughout the years. I thank you for traveling north in the winter to see me graduate from POST. My dear wife will also remember that ride north with you! She has never been so scared in her life! You know I have driven with you many times, so I understand her fear! But you always got us there safe!

Say hello to Pfoutz and the others from the PD. You have always been a friend, and always will be!

Sincerely,

Kelly

Kelly James Larson - January 11, 2022 at 01:23 PM

KP

*Condolences & pressers of comfort to the family
A great man returned home
So glad to have known him*

kathy perez - January 11, 2022 at 10:22 PM

CA

Jim thank you for all you did for my family you're one of my father's best friends you are always in my thoughts and in my heart love you lots Cynthia Amador Chadbourne

Cynthia Amador-Chadburn - January 15, 2022 at 01:49 PM

WS

“ James was a neat man. We had a lot of good times at the Elks. We would put on skids and have fun doing it. He will be missed. We send our condolences to the family. May he Rest In Peace. To our absence brothers.



Wayne and DeAnna Sittre - January 10, 2022 at 10:58 PM