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James Joseph Gornek, age 67, of Lorain passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 5, 2015.

He was born on February 24, 1948 in Lorain , Ohio to David and Irene (nee Gerber) Gornek and graduated from Vermilion High School in 1966. James enlisted with the United States Marine Corps on March 8, 1967 serving his country in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Cbt Aircrew Wings, Air Medal PVN Cross of Gallantry with Palm &Frame, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was Honorably discharged on March 5, 1972.

James retired in 2003 from the Ford Motor Company, where he worked as an Assembly Line Worker. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 451 and the Beavercreek Sportsman's Club in Amherst. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, boating and motorcycles. He was always willing to help others.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Patricia (nee Hall); step-daughters, Lisa (Terry) Helton, Anita Martinez and Angela Martinez; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Elizabeth "Betty" (Slim) Smothers; and many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents, David and Irene Gornek.

Private family funeral services were held. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, Amherst. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Tribute Wall

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LL

Lynne Luter lit a candle in honor of James.

Jim and I, and my family go back 47 years, Jim and his fellow marine buddies were stationed at El Toro marine base in California. My mother and grandmother picked him and a friend up when they were hitch hiking on the base, come to find out we were all from Vermillion. We spent so many weekends hanging out while he was stationed there, such good times. Jim has stayed in touch with us all along and he was such a good friend to me. Out of the blue, he would send pictures of my dad's grave showing how he trimmed the bushes and placed flowers at his grave. That meant so much to me. He was the kindest, sweetest person, that would help everyone. He will be missed dearly. Deepest condolences to Pat and family. Lynne Jones Luter



June 22 at 8:07 AM

DG

Debbie Gornek posted:

Jimmy and I became very close the last few years, he visited, we talked on the phone, or texted nearly every week. We had just talked and texted on Thursday evening. He was very caring and kind, helpful, optimistic, patriotic, and fun. We could talk for hours. My heart breaks to know he is gone. Deepest condolences to family and friends. Debbie Gornek - cousin.

June 18 at 2:55 PM

SH

Sharon lit a candle in honor of James.

Pat and family our deepest sympathy to you, Sharon, Ron Kopronek Amherst, Oh

June 18 at 1:10 AM



SU

Sue posted:

We are so sorry for your loss ... Fred & Sue Zerbe Will & Dave Scott

June 15 at 12:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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