



## James Rahl

July 3, 1949 - January 21, 2012

James "Jim" Rahl, age 62, passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at his residence.

Born on July 3, 1949 in Lorain, Jim graduated from Admiral King High School in 1967.

Like many young men in the mid-1960's, Jim was drafted into the US Army where he proudly served as an infantryman during the Vietnam War. Among the many citations and medals awarded to him were the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and The Purple Heart.

After leaving the service, Jim went to work at the Ford Motor Lorain Assembly Plant. Upon retiring, he was able to devote all his time his true passion "all things cars". He loved racing his cars especially his "Rahl's Royce". He will be sadly missed by his many racing buddies, not only because of his skills on the drag racing track, but also his ability to repair anything related to cars.

Preceded in death by his mother, Betty Sterrett; his grandparents, Albert "AW" and Edith Rahl and Henry and Nell Esch; Jim leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved father and step-mother, Claude and Viola Rahl; his sister, Claudia Rahl; his niece, Courtney Rahl; a great-nephew, Matthew Rahl and his faithful companion, "Buck".

The family will receive friends on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 4-8 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the funeral center. Pastor Bob Daugherty will officiate. Burial will follow in North Murray Ridge Cemetery, Elyria with military honors being conducted.

Family and friends may leave online condolences at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com)

# Events

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**JAN 27**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center  
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, OH, US, 44001

**JAN 28**   **Funeral Service**   10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ worked with jim at ford when I first hired in back in 1976 does not seem that long ago

**paul tawney** - April 09, 2014 at 10:35 AM

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“ Interesting that I encountered Jim and his siter once in my life. Jim's grandparents were my mothers grandparents. shook mr a bit to see my mother's maiden name and Jim's connection to me. Shame how so many family's make choices to part ways. I regret I never knew Jim, my second cousin. May you be with my mother, Diane Rahl, who passed 2 yrs ago....

**Dawn Heyde - Sarasota, FL - My mother, Diane Rahl's cousins** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Jim's Family,

I was saddened to hear of Jim's sudden passing. Please know that I will hold you in my thoughts and prayers through the difficult times ahead. While the memories will never disappear, the pain of loss will lessen with time and with help and understanding from your friends.

**Mary Ann Orlinski - Columbus, OH - Classmate and friend of Claudia** - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace

**Jim Conn - Winchester, VA - Friend** - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace my dear friend. God bless you. Michelle (LoPresti) Sealy

**Michelle Sealy - Lorain, OH - friend** - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ a verry good friend if he liked u // i just talked with him about 3- weeks ago i have known jim for about 48 years // he was my brothers besy friend in hi schoo // and my dad was his boy scout leader // i still have a scar when i was holding a piece of metal that he was hac-sawing about 45 years ago // and i wore his purpal hart to a halloween party one year // i will miss him // a good man /// i pray that he is with jesus....

wesley grills

**wes grills - lorain, OH - long time friend** - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Jim since he hired in at Ford. He was always qick to joke and was never short of things to talk about. I'm sorry for the loss of such a good man. I'm honored to have known him.

**Ira - Taylor, MI - friend** - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ray and I have been thinking of all the good times we had over the years. It was a previledge to know you Jim.

**Jean - Berlin Heights, OH - Friend** - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thanks for always watching over my family, Jim. We love you so much.

- Aryn Karpinski

**Aryn Karpinski** - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM