



James Perrero

November 8, 1940 - December 23, 2023

James Ernest Perrero, 83, of Witter; passed away Saturday, December 23, 2023, at Cox Health Medical Center South, Springfield, Missouri. He was born Friday, November 8, 1940, in Spring Valley, Illinois; to Angelo Nichola and Philomena Nosalik Perrero.

James married Sandra Jeanine Cox on Wednesday, August 10, 1988, at Witter. James dedicated a significant portion of his life to serving his country as a distinguished member of the United States Navy, where he specialized as a diver and torpedoman. Following his retirement from the Navy, James transitioned into running an ammunition business. Renowned for his exceptional marksmanship skills, James found joy in the simple pleasures of life, and could always be found riding his tractor and helping his neighbors. He held a deep affection for the ocean, cherished the thrill of racing motorcycles, and delighted in witnessing his grandchildren compete in sports activities.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Perrero; his parents, Angelo and Philomena Perrero; one brother, Richard Perrero; and one sister, Janet Pigeon. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Sandra Perrero, of Leeds, Alabama; his daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Phillip Wells, of Springdale; six grandchildren, Matthew Perrero, Brittanie Waggoner, Megan Dunaway, Anna Perrero, Brandon Gragg, and Angelo

Perrero; and seven great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation is entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear family and friends of Jim,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Jim’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Sirago SS-485 and USS James Madison SSBN-627..
To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.
To the family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).
Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
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Jim Sandman - December 30, 2023 at 09:15 PM

JM

“ I worked with Jim for several years on 2 different jobs, and got to know him well. I always relished his tales of motorcycle racing and of the time he spent on a nuclear submarine. He was the best shot that I ever knew, and at that time he practiced at it every day. If you shot against Jim you were almost certainly going to lose because he rarely missed. He taught me how to reload my own ammo, and be careful and safe doing it. He worked tirelessly trying to get me to debate with him; any subject was fine and I could choose either side. He would argue vehemently whichever side he took. It was an enjoyment for him and I remember that our boss at the time would occasionally stay late just so he could argue with Jim. I would laugh at them but they enjoyed every minute of it, and would each accent their side of the argument with table pounding and increasing volume. Jim was a plain spoken man with few frills that took the time to teach me things, because I was young then and had much to learn. I hope over the years that I taught him a few things as well. I will miss you my friend.

Jim Miller - December 27, 2023 at 04:32 PM

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Oh Jim, you summed up my daddy perfectly. Thank you for sharing your memories of him, it is truly cherished by our family!

Chriatina Wells - December 30, 2023 at 09:58 PM