



## James "Jim" Garton Sr.

August 16, 1938 - May 29, 2023

James "Jim" Garton Sr., 84, of Des Moines, Iowa passed away May 29, 2023 at Hospice Care at Taylor House in Des Moines surrounded by the love and comfort of his family from complications of Parkinson's. He was born August 16th, 1938 in Leon, Iowa to John and Bernice (Carmean) Garton. Upon graduation from Des Moines Technical High School, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Hawaii until he was honorably discharged. Jim married his high school sweetheart Margaret (Rhoades) on June 5th, 1959.

Jim retired from John Deere Des Moines Works after 30 years. Outside of work, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, hunting, fishing, and many years on his motorcycles with trips to Sturgis and races across the country. If you knew Jim, he was known for his love of the color black, window shopping for RVs, and his meticulous nature.

Jim is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret and their three children; Rhonda (Steve) Emmack, Jennifer (Gene) Beard, and Jim Jr. Garton(Kim). He is also survived by his grandchildren; Kurtis (Tony) Garton, Chad Garton(Christy), Jordan (Evan) Beard-Hopkey, Alex (Amanda) Garton, and Alexandra Beard, his three brothers; Gene (Kathy) Garton, Dennis Garton, and Bobby (Cathy) Garton, sister-in-law; Gayle Harper, brother-in-law; Gary Morris and a host of loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by

his parents and his brother Chuck, sister-in-laws; Sandy Reynolds, Susan Morris, Donna Rhoades, Sheila Rhoades and brother-in-laws; William Rhoades, Dick Reynolds and Bill Harper.

A Celebration of Life will be 12pm -4pm August 20, 2023 at the UAW Local 450 , 4589 NW 6th Drive in Des Moines, IA 50313. The United States Marines will provide Military Honors at 2pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Unity Point Hospice, Taylor House, 3401 E. Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA 50317 in loving memory of Jim.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

UAW Local 450  
4589 NW 6th Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50313

# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed the years that I had Jim for a customer and friend. Short and neat that's Jim. RIP

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**Bob Cochran** - June 05, 2023 at 12:19 PM

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“ Too many good old fashion laughing till you cry memories. Jimbo will be missed by all that knew him. RIP brother Jim.  
Love Gene & Kathy Garton. Xoxo  
The train memory was the best, ask Magee.

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**Gene & Kathy Garton** - June 03, 2023 at 07:59 PM

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We remember Jim as a man of many interests, skills, and talents as well as someone whose soft side was on full display whenever he talked of his family. Jim's love and support were so present that his feelings were widely felt and returned throughout his life.  
Ann Levine and Bryan McCay

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**Ann** - June 04, 2023 at 05:21 PM