



IN MEMORY



James L. "Jim" LaMotte (81) of Momence, Illinois, died February 1, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center Emergency Room, Kankakee, Illinois.

Jim was co-founder and vice-president of research and development for Custom Farm Seed in Momence. Jim was a lifetime member of St. Patrick Church in Momence where he was a sitting member on the cemetery board and finance council. He became a volunteer firefighter in 1958 and served on the Momence Fire Protection District for over 50 years, which included 21 years as fire chief. He was a sitting member and past president of the board of trustees. He was a sitting officer and treasurer of the Illinois Firefighter Memorial Foundation and State Firefighter Medal of Honor Committee.



Kenneth R. Metcalf Jr. (56) of Mechanicsburg, passed away February 15, 2022 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Kenny was a member of the Mechanicsburg Fire Department for 34 years, current president of the Mechanicsburg Fire District Board, 38 year member member of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Mid-West Truckers Association. He is survived by his wife, Carla; son, daughter three step sons and two grandson, his father, several nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial donations may be made to the Allen "Oop" Taft Memorial Fund c/o Mechanicsburg Firemen's Club.



Lowell W. Mulvany (78) of Long Creek Township, IL, February 21, 2022, in Heritage Health, Mt. Zion.

Lowell was born April 4, 1943, in Marion County, IL the son of Oliver and Vera (Schooley) Mulvany. He married Pat on June 7, 1981. He had formerly served his country in the US Army. Lowell served his community as a fireman for the Long Creek Fire Department for over fifty-years. He served as the Fire Chief of the department from 1986 until 2009 and continued as a firefighter until his passing. Lowell had also enjoyed volunteering with the Good Samaritan Inn and the STARR Riding program in Long Creek. Surviving is his wife: Pat, five children, brother and twelve grandchildren, many great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Long Creek Fire Protection District or Good Samaritan Inn. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at dawson-wikoff.com.



Gary Michael Frye (74) of Hull, IL, passed away January 26, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Gary proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1969-1971 during the Vietnam War. Gary worked as an agriculture consultant for Pro Agriculture Crop Management for 40 years until his retirement. He was also a firefighter for the Payson Fire Department for 46 years, where he served as chief for 16 years. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Kathy Epperson, mother, four children and eleven grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Payson Fire Department.



Richard Dean Jobe (85) passed away on March 6, 2022 at his home in Sadorus, IL.

Richard is survived by his two children three grandchildren and his King Charles cavalier spaniel Sir Jensen. Richard had a servant's heart. He was chief of the Fire Protection District in Sadorus for almost 40 years, served on the Metcad board, and was a police officer in Batavia. Memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to the Sadorus Fire Protection District.

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