



## James Marvin Gurall

December 12, 2017

James Marvin Gurall, age 62, of Portersville, PA passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

He was born in McKeesport, PA to Nancy (Dolan) and Andrew Gurall.

He graduated from McKeesport High School where he played trumpet in the band and excelled in anything he put his mind to. He was born an artist and passed the time in his younger days drawing and continued on to Theil College, University of West Virginia, and the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. James was a passionate and extremely kind and generous man who enjoyed Classic cars and collecting vintage automotive parts. He enjoyed his walks at Moraine State Park and fishing with his nephews. He loved animals, music, cooking, NASCAR, golf and football. He worked at US Steel National Tube Works and then moved on to carpentry where he was recently retired from the Carpenters Union Local 230. Jim was extremely loving and proud of his daughter, Melissa Thornton of Monongahela, PA.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Susan Gurall; his daughter, Melissa (Joe) Thornton; his stepdaughters, Amberlyn Steighner and Holly Zillionis; his brother, Kim (Donna) Gurall of McKeesport, PA; his grandchildren, Madison, Abby, Max, Benjamin, Dejamoura, Serenity, Rachel, and Aaron; his sister-in-law, Jean Vincent Ricker; and nieces and nephews, Kimberly (Mike) Quallich, Angela (Jason) Collins, Lance (Crystal) Gurall, Eve McClure, Kristopher Ricker, Erik Ricker as well as many great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family and friends.

His brother, Andrew "Dewey" Gurall passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

He will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony in Moraine State Park.

# Comments

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“ To the Family of James Marvin Gurall,  
So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, James. Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved, James.  
(John 11:41-44)

**J. Moore/Volunteer** - December 27, 2017 at 03:11 PM