



James E. Schroeder

December 20, 1960 - October 13, 2021

James Edward Schroeder, age 60 years, a resident of Metropolis, Illinois, passed away Wednesday morning, October 13, 2021, at 5:40 AM, at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

James was born December 20, 1960 at the U.S. Air Force Hospital at R.A.F. Molesworth in Huntingdonshire, England. He was the second of five children born to Ercil E. Schroeder and Maria (Dörr) Schroeder.

James was united in marriage to LaDonna Kay Evans on September 2, 1989 in Metropolis, Illinois. She survives.

In addition to his wife, James is survived by: his mother – Maria Schroeder of Sandwich, IL; 3 children – Amanda “Mandy Jo” Schroeder of Ava, IL, Stephanie Nicole Schroeder of Birmingham, Alabama, and Ryan James (Maddie Bowlin) Schroeder of Paducah, Kentucky; a grandson – Kyler James Bowerman of Ava, IL; 4 siblings – Robert “Bob” (Renee) Schroeder of Houston, Texas, Linda Schroeder Anderson of Sandwich, IL, William Schroeder of Sandwich, IL, and Michael (Kris) Schroeder of Mt. Morris, IL; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ercil E. Schroeder.

James was a 1980 graduate of Gorham High School. He started his career at Menard Correctional Center in Chester, IL. He was then employed at the United States Penitentiary at Marion, IL, where retired in 2014 after 31 years of service with the rank of Senior Officer Specialist. He was part of the armed escort team for several years. James formerly served as secretary and was a two-term president of the AFGE (American Federation of Government Employees) Local # 2343 during his employment at Marion. Following his retirement from government service, James accepted a position as a security officer at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY.

James was of the Catholic faith. He enjoyed many activities and past times, including, golfing, grilling and classic cars. James is remembered as a “Mr. Fix-it” and a jack-of-all-trades for his ability to build and fix just about anything. Nothing made James happier than spending time with family. His children and grandson were James’ pride and joy.

A service honoring the life of James Schroeder will be conducted Sunday afternoon, October 17, 2021, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Randy Huckelberry will officiate with scripture and remarks shared by Brother Donald Trover.

Burial will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery in Belknap, IL.

Visitation will be conducted Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, IL.

Memorials may be made to “Wee Care of Jacob,” 24890 Highway 3, Rockwood, Illinois 62280. This charity raises funds to assist underprivileged children. James donated time and effort to helping in this ongoing fundraising endeavor.

Cemetery Details

Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane
Belknap, IL 62908

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Schroeder*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *James was a wonderful person to work with,he always with above and beyond to help anyone. My prayers go to his family at this difficult time!!*

Marquise Woods - October 17, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *James was always very friendly and always had a smile on his face. He will truly be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Katie - October 17, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Stephanie and Ladonna I'm so very sorry. My prayers are with you and the rest of your family.*

Debbie Sharp - October 16, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *I will always remember James such a great person he was a wonderful coworker and friend. Prayers for his wife and family during this time of grief and sorrow. RIP brother gone but not forgotten by all those who were blessed to have known you. 💔🙏🙏🙏*



James Lynn - October 16, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



John Slack - October 16, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JS

Sending love and prayers to you, LaDonna. 🙏❤️

John Slack - October 16, 2021 at 04:23 PM

LC

“ *LaDonna and family,
Dianna and I are very sorry to hear about your loss. Please know
you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Larry Choate - October 16, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James E. Schroeder.*



October 15, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of James E. Schroeder.*



October 15, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Schroeder.*



October 15, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to his wife and family, James was a very nice and fun individual! He was a great security guard at the hospital and always a pleasure to be around. We too have lost one of our family and we will deft miss him so much!! Our love to you his family from his work family at Baptist.*

Rebecca B - October 15, 2021 at 07:36 PM



I worked with James at the hospital and he was my favorite. He was truly kind hearted and genuinely cared about people. He knew I had lost my father one year and made sure to ask how I was getting along (he also had great fatherly advice). I know his family will miss him dearly and as his Baptist family will.

Michelle Ramsey - October 15, 2021 at 09:40 PM



I worked with Jim at both Menard and USP Marion. Jim had one speed very fast. At Menard I would issue him his keys he was always ready to go on the 11-7 shift. We have been friends a very long time. My condolences to his family, and may you rest in peace Brother.

Ricky L Carter - October 15, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James E. Schroeder.



October 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. Schroeder.



October 15, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Always so friendly and kind to everyone. My thoughts and prayers go out
To his family.

becky poyner - October 15, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ I was a nurse at Baptist for a few years and he was always so kind to me. He would see me coming and knew I needed a door unlocked and was always smiling to do so. I rarely passed by the secured doors without stopping to have a quick chat and that wasn't because I felt obligated but that was because I wanted to since he was always so friendly and easy to talk with. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with his family.

Tawni Jehnke - October 15, 2021 at 02:31 PM

MA

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. We were lucky to call James a friend. He was one of a kind and made the world a better place. Marcie & Steve Adams*



Marcie Adams - October 15, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SY

“ *Syncron purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of James E. Schroeder.*



Syncron - October 15, 2021 at 07:41 AM

BW

“ *We are so sorry for your family's loss.*



Boyd and Jeanne Williams - October 14, 2021 at 09:10 PM

JW

“ *Jamie Willyerd lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Jamie Willyerd - October 14, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. James was a very caring, kind person. Will be sadly missed.
Wayne and Kathy Jennings



wayne jennings - October 14, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ *Casie Lewis lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Casie Lewis - October 14, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Carol Bryant - October 14, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Lisa Davis lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Lisa Davis - October 14, 2021 at 11:13 AM

WB

“ *Wm & Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Wm & Nancy Belford - October 14, 2021 at 09:28 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Teresa Richerson - October 14, 2021 at 07:24 AM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Bobby Rentfro - October 13, 2021 at 11:45 PM

CH

“ *Curtis Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Curtis Huckelberry - October 13, 2021 at 11:28 PM

TH

“ *Tara Hobbs lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Tara Hobbs - October 13, 2021 at 09:09 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - October 13, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MP

“ *Margaret Powell lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Margaret Powell - October 13, 2021 at 08:23 PM

JH

“ *So sorry LaDonna for your and your family's loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you.*



Janet Hester - October 13, 2021 at 07:10 PM

LC

“ *LaRay And Scott Capron lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



LaRay and Scott Capron - October 13, 2021 at 07:09 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Barbara Jeffress - October 13, 2021 at 06:49 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James E. Schroeder*



Karen Brumley - October 13, 2021 at 05:53 PM