



James F. "Jim" Steele



James F. Steele, 74, of Mexico, NY; passed away on April 19, 2019 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, NY, with his loving family by his side. Jim was born in Cato, NY on January 26, 1945; the son of James R. Steele and Dorothy Welch Steele. Jim attended Cato-Meridian High School. After high school, Jim served with the US Army as a Combat Medic in Vietnam. He was married to Jean Hilton, who gave him two beautiful daughters. Jim retired from the trucking industry, having served as an Owner/Operator for many years. Most recently, he was employed by Revell Oil and Construction Company. He was an avid NASCAR fan, attending many races. He also enjoyed camping with his friends. No matter where Jim traveled, he always met someone he knew. Jim was a member of the Mexico VFW Edick-Hamlink Post #369, the Oswego County Comets Riding Club, and the New York Patriot Guard Riders. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Dorothy Steele; his grandson, Tyler; and his sisters, Cathy Ferris and Liz Olmsted. Jim is survived by, his life partner, Eileen Clark; two daughters, Heather (Wade Helzor) Austin, of ME and Holly (Scott) Bathke, of Cicero; his former wife, Jean Hilton; two step-daughters, Sheri (Andrew) Guilds and Brandy (Alexander) Monroe; step-son, Thomas (Susan) Clark; brothers, Richard (Carole) Steele and Robert (Cindy) Steele; sister, Dorothy Kay (Bill) Visser, brothers-in-law, Roland Ferris and Duane Olmsted; eight grandchildren, Derrick Schneider, Haylee Williams, Abigayle Austin, Dakota Dunkin, Molli Dunkin, John MacDonald, Kaycie Guilds and Courtney Clark; great-granddaughter, Lakelin Hess; along with several nieces and nephews, and his best friend, Jim Cronk. Jim is also survived and missed by his dog, Zoey.

