



## James R. "Jimmy" Shannon Sr.



James R. Shannon Sr., 66, of McConnellsville, NY, passed away May 17, 2020, at the Abraham House, Rome, NY after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born August 25, 1953, at Rome Hospital, a son of John P. and Phyllis D. Shannon. A graduate of Camden High School, he went on to serve in the United States Navy from 1971-1975. He was united in marriage on July 28, 1973, to Cathy J. Closs. He was employed by Rome Cable Inc. from 1975-1986, and Camden Wire Inc. from 1987-2019. He entered into sobriety in May of 1988 and had been sober for 32

years. Those who knew Jim knew that he was a hard worker. He dedicated his life to providing for his family, whom he loved dearly. He was a lover of classic rock and oldies rock and roll. His daughter Kelly would sometimes come downstairs in the middle of the night and catch him playing air guitar to the music channel on TV. He enjoyed attending his grandsons' sporting events and school awards, riding his motorcycle, gardening/lawn care, and hunting with the family, especially the Thanksgiving hunt with Mike, his grandsons, and the Closs boys. He was very active in his AA group, whom the members became family to him, especially his sponsor. His wife, children, and grandchildren were the loves of his life. When he was first diagnosed, he actually beat cancer and was given a clean bill of health. In celebration of that feat, he decided to buy himself a new motorcycle and finally take some time for himself to enjoy life. Sadly, his cancer returned a short time later, and this time the prognosis wasn't good. His only wish was to stay in his daughter Kelly's home with his wife, and their kids and grandkids. There, he received wonderful, loving care from his daughter Kelly, son Jimmy, his grandson Gagie, and his niece Jessica Graham. He spent his last days with those he held near and dear to his heart: friends Mike & Maryanne Fountain, whom he lovingly referred to as maid Maryanne and Saint Michael, Mitch & Deb Evans, Missy & Willy Rutz, Al Gilsenan and his significant other B.C., Steve & Carol Smith, Steve Davis, Jim Sampson, and Mike Philpott. His nephew Jeremy organized a motorcycle ride, and in honor of Jim, Mike Philpott led the rally of bikers (100+) on Jim's motorcycle. This ride will be held annually in Jim's honor. He looked forward to daily visits from brother John and sister-in-law Jan (who would read to him from his AA book), Leslie Williams, favorite niece Jenny and her son Talon ('Tailbone'), Ferlo's donut deliveries from nephew Rudy, dinner deliveries from Shorty's deli by nephew and niece Hal & Heather, brother in law Harry & Marlene, sisters Becky and Cyndi, calls from sister Kathleen and brother Michael, and special deliveries and signs in the window from

nephew Josh, Shannon, and Phelan. He loved long car rides with his son-in-law Mike- sometimes it was the only thing that could relax him. At night when things got quiet, he enjoyed watching TV with his daughter 'Kell-bell'. They loved Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives, but Kelly enjoyed, and made him watch Naked and Afraid. His favorite movies were Crossroads with Jamie Gertz and the Irishmen. He is survived by his wife, Cathy, daughter Kelly (Michael) West, son James Richard Jr., his "bestest" buddies 1, 2, and 3 - his grandsons Gage Richard, Dakota William, Ryeland Michael, Jonesy West and special "granddaughter" Delaney Alberico, two brothers, Michael (Judy) Shannon, Florida, John (Janet) Shannon, McConnellsville, three sisters, Kathleen (Johnathan) Kelley, Maine, Rebecca Mahle, and Cynthia Torres both of Rome, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by both of his parents, sister Patricia, sister Sharron, and her son Patrick Burgess. The family would like to thank Rome Memorial Hospital Emergency Department and ICU, Dr. Sikder, Deb Iselo, N.P, and staff at Slocum Dickson, his favorite nurse, Sarah on the 6th floor at St. Luke's, his Nurse Practitioner, Jessica Donaldson, Hospice and Palliative Care, and angels in disguise, Cindy, Ann, Sandy, Pam, Marissa and all of his caregivers at Abraham House.

