



James "Jim" "Gunner" E. Fults

August 8, 1945 - November 29, 2025

Jim "Gunner" Edwin Fults, 80, of Jacksonville, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at The Grove Health and Rehab Center in Jacksonville. He was born on August 8, 1945, to William and Mary (nèe Strebel) in Springfield, Illinois.

In Jim's working years, he worked for Springfield Pepsi-Cola Distribution in Springfield, Illinois, for over 20 years. He also worked for ACE Hardware in Springfield for over 10 years and was known as the Hotdog Man for grilling and serving hotdogs at lunchtime. He owned and operated Gunner's Goodies selling ice cream from a trailer at different events. He was an avid Hot Wheels toy collector. He enjoyed gardening, traveling and playing puzzle games on his computer that he taught himself how to use. Most of all, he enjoyed socializing with friends and listening to all genres of music.

Jim is survived by his best friend and companion for over 50 years, Vickii Hart, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Kenneth Fults.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Petersburg, Illinois, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A funeral mass will follow beginning at 12:00 pm with Fr. Varghese Puthussery officiating. Burial will follow mass at Farmers Point Cemetery near Tallula, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Rd, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or Menard Animal Protection, 125 W. Concord Dr, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Jim's family with funeral arrangements. Please visit Jim's online obituary at hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Farmers Point Cemetery

12780 IL-97
Tallula, IL 62688

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
711 S. 6th
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7118

Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Petersburg, IL 62675
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Burial

DEC 11 (CT)

Farmers Point Cemetery
12780 IL-97
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Tribute Wall

VH

“ Jim you were the love of my life and my best friend for over 50 years You will be in my ❤️ forever. Miss you❤️

Vickii Hart - December 13, 2025 at 08:09 PM

MM

“ Cousin Jim was always good to me. He gave me one of my first real jobs as a teenager in the mid 90's working the food trailer at several of the horse shows at the state fairgrounds. Lots of long hours but lots of fun times and memories. Gunner will be sorely missed.

-Michael Mulvey

Michael G Mulvey - December 12, 2025 at 02:37 PM

KB

“ Such a great guy. I always enjoyed visiting with Jim aka "GUNNER" and his sidekick "Gayland" when I was a Police Officer in Petersburg. I could write a book on the Gunner/Gayland laughing moments with these two. Enjoyed our visits, talks, pranks, teasing, and laughs Never a dull moment. He will indeed be missed and never forgotten. Rest in Blessed Peace Brother! ❤️🙏😊

Kirk Beatty - December 11, 2025 at 11:14 AM

SA

“ Thank you for all the fun memories, laughter and jokes! As a little girl I remember meeting Uncle Jim and Grandpa at Shakey's Pizza. I still have the silver dollars you gave us! When the phone rang at midnight on Christmas and New Year's Eve we always knew it was Uncle Jim!
Love you always, Rest In Peace.
Sandy

Sandy - December 10, 2025 at 09:56 AM

MS

“ Mary Lou, Brenda and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" "Gunner" E. Fults.

Mary Lou, Brenda and Sandy - December 10, 2025 at 09:23 AM

MS

“ Mary Lou, Brenda and Sandy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" "Gunner" E. Fults.



Mary Lou, Brenda and Sandy - December 10, 2025 at 09:23 AM

SF

“ My Dad loved working with Jim and Vickii and looked forward to visiting and getting treats from Gunners Goodies at horse shows. The Fox and Hill families send love and prayers.

Stacy Fox - December 10, 2025 at 07:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" "Gunner" E. Fults.



December 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ Stacy Fox (and the Hill family) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" "Gunner" E. Fults.

Stacy Fox (and the Hill family) - December 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ My Uncle Jim was very special to me. As a little girl, I remember him always smiling and making me laugh. He would send us girls a little purse every Easter and a scarf/hat/mitten set for Christmas. I could always count on a midnight call from him on New Year's Eve. He will be forever in my heart.

Brenda Garcia - December 09, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" "Gunner" Fults



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 09, 2025 at 09:41 AM