



James L. Rilea

March 16, 1946 - July 9, 2021

James L. Rilea, 75, of Havana, passed away at his home, at 6:00 a.m., on Friday, July 9, 2021. He was born March 16, 1946, in Havana, to William and Kathryn Rilea. He married Sally J. Smith on June 21, 1965, in Havana. She survives.

Mr. Rilea is survived by his wife: Sally, of Havana; three children: Jamie Appalonio, of Canton, Illinois, Marty A. (Cathie)Rilea, of Mississippi, and Edward J. (Elizabeth) Rilea, of Havana; as well as nine granddchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; and one half-brother, Steven Johnson, of Santa Fe, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, one brother, William D. Rilea, two sisters, Sandra K. and Mary Sue, as well as Sydney his granddaughter.

Mr. Rilea served in the US Navy from 1963 until 1972. He had retired from the State of Illinois, Department of Corrections.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private graveside services will be held at a later date at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, for Breast Cancer research. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Rilea*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of James L. Rilea.*



July 12, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you fell comfort in knowing he is not suffering any longer.*



Connie Atchison - July 12, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of James L. Rilea*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 10, 2021 at 10:56 AM