



## Jim P. Hawley

October 4, 1942 - January 6, 2021

James Porter Hawley was born 10-4-42 in Decatur, Illinois. He went by Jim. He entered his eternal home in heaven January 6, 2021. His parents were Lorraine and Lynden Porter Hawley. They preceded him in death. Survivors are his wife, Marilyn of 57 years and 5 months, son, Rodger {Rose} in Jupiter, FL, daughter, Debbie Hawley Atchison in Vail, AZ granddaughters Kendra Curtis, Salem, Oregon, Sarah Knight, Tucson, AZ, three great grandchildren Khloe, Gabriel and Olivia in Salem, OR

His family moved to Tucson in 1952.

He has a friend in Albuquerque that he has known since 4th grade. They have kept in touch all these years. Both became Ham Radio operators in High School and belonged to a club for "Hams".

He went to the U of A for two years. He met his wife to be after his first year in college through his Mom who worked at Mountain Bell. His Dad had wanted him to be an accountant but that wasn't to be. He wasn't suited for a desk job. He married Marilyn Toll on August 10, 1963 after serving six months in the Air National Guard at Chanute Air Force Base in

Rantoul, Illinois. He continued in the Guard for ten years serving one weekend a month and two weeks each spring in another state.

Jim completed his second year of college. In July of 1964 he decided to go to Illinois and get a job on the railroad. He maintained railroad crossing signals as far as Adrian, Michigan. He traveled each week from Lafayette, Indiana, so we rented an apartment in Decatur, Illinois. After a few months he was able to start his apprenticeship as an electrician in Decatur.

In 1968 we moved back to Tucson, AZ. The railroad needed electricians. Jim was hired as a full fledged electrician even though he had a year or more to finish as an apprentice. He transferred to engine service in 1980 and loved running trains between Tucson and Yuma or to El Paso. He transferred to work out of El Paso, TX in 1990 where he had more seniority. We lived in Las Cruces, NM. Three years later we moved back to Tucson. He retired after 39 years of service. He fell in love with classic tractors and we moved to Willcox, AZ in 2007 where he could add to his collection. He enjoyed 18 years of retirement. Memorial services will be 11:00 am on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the Willcox

United Methodist Church.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial service**   11:00AM  
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Willcox United Methodist Church  
124 S. Curtis, Willcox, AZ, US, 85643

# Comments

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“ Dakota Levine lit a candle in memory of Jim P. Hawley



Dakota Levine - May 16 at 09:30 AM

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“ My heart breaks for you Marilyn. I know he'll be missed by so many. May the precious memories sustain you.



Gail Martin - March 12 at 04:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry Jim is gone. The time I knew him, he was always polite and he did seem very sure of himself. He would visit us at the now gone Chamber building and sit and talk to Alan mostly about guns. He will be missed a lot. Condolences to his wife Marilyn.



Teresa E Palmer - January 12 at 01:21 PM