

JAMES WILTON "JIM" THURNER



Age 79, of Upper St. Clair, peacefully passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2024 with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Mary Brickner for 56 years; loving father of Rachel (Dean) Gilmore, Becky (Dan) Braddock, and Jonathan (Andrea) Thurner; Pup-Pup Jim to Michelle, Kennedy (Mackenzie) and Justin Gilmore, Addy, Zach and Livvy Braddock, and Logan Thurner. Great-grandfather to Jackson

Gilmore. Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Wilton and Frances ("Toots") Thurner, who had five children. Jim is survived by his four sisters, Judy Thurner, Linda Thurner, Cheryl (Bill) Hays and Donna (Dale) McDonough. Jim had many loving nieces, nephews and cherished friends. Jim served as a Specialist in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Jim was an actor, magician, musician, fisherman, hunter, scout master, craftsman, and a founding member of Kooks with Ukes. He loved the outdoors and his time at his camps in Tionesta and La La Lane in West Hickory where he laughed and entertained family and friends with his talents. Jim will be dearly missed and never forgotten. "Give the gift of Music and Laughter it's good for the Soul - J.T. La La". Family and friends are welcome on Sunday and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray (724-941-3211). Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Catherine Labouré Parish, St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church on Wednesday at 12 Noon. Interment Wednesday 1:30 p.m. at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in honor of Jim to the National Parks Foundation (<https://give.nationalparks.org/site/Donation>).

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