



## James E. Unfonak

April 29, 1947 - August 8, 2019

CANAAN – James E. Unfonak, 72, of Canaan, Vt., passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, at his home.

He was born in Lancaster, NH, on April 29, 1947, the youngest son of the late Anthony and Aurilla (Gadwah) Unfonak. He attended school in Stratford Hollow and in Colebrook. Jim served honorably in the U.S. Army during Vietnam in the engineering division and was awarded a purple heart.

Jim worked in construction as a heavy equipment operator and truck driver for most of his life. He lived in the Rochester area for a time, but his heart was always in the north country. Jim was a quiet man who loved music, gardening, dogs, the sun, and a good party—almost as much as he cherished solitude. He was a great “tinkerer” and could fix almost anything, or make something wonderful out of nothing. He was a great cook and loved to share a meal with family and friends. Jim was especially fond of his old truck he called “Big Red” and his land. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by a son, Glen Unfonak of Rochester, NH; a brother, Jerry Grant of Colebrook; two sisters, Mona Stuart of Lancaster and Jeanne Berry and husband Randy of Canaan, Vt.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends who were special to him.

Jim is predeceased by a son, James D. Unfonak, and a brother, Don Grant.

There are no public calling hours or services.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jim may be made to the American Diabetes Assn., 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202; or online at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - August 29, 2019 at 08:53 PM

RM

“ *Rosemary Mulliken sent a virtual gift in memory of James E. Unfonak*



Rosemary Mulliken - August 17, 2019 at 12:24 PM

RM

*Jeanne, Randy, Mona and Jerry, and families-many great memories of Jim. My love and thoughts are with all of you.*

Rosemary Mulliken - August 17, 2019 at 12:26 PM

GB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all of Jim's family. May God Bless you all.*



glenn Blazys - August 14, 2019 at 06:36 PM

JZ

“ *Jana, Courtney & Zaya lit a candle in memory of James E. Unfonak*



**Jana, Courtney & Zaya** - August 14, 2019 at 01:50 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to Jim's family. I am so sorry for your loss. I hadn't seen him for years, but I remember his kindness.*



**Judy (Hunt) Budge** - August 14, 2019 at 06:11 AM



Waverly  
Robinson

“ *Jeanne sorry for loss I always remember you and James Waverly*

**Waverly Robinson** - August 13, 2019 at 07:42 PM

GW

*Jeanne, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your brother, Jim. I remember you and Jim when we lived in the Hollow. Sorry for your loss, and condolences to all of his family. Gail (Young) Witter*

**Gail (Young) Witter** - January 07, 2020 at 01:03 PM

SK

“ *I lost a good friend who has gave me a lot of stories to remember in Milton and Colebrook I will miss him my heart felt sympathy to the family Skip Kirk*

**skip kirk** - August 13, 2019 at 07:22 AM

LP

“ I remember Jim very well from High School. I had a crush on him too. I hadn't seen him for a long time recently. I appreciate his service to our country. Though I never really knew him well, he had a special place in my heart. He always seemed very quiet and shy. I am sorry for your loss. May the good memories sustain you. Lynne O. Placey

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**Lynne O. Placey** - August 12, 2019 at 01:16 PM