



James "Papa Bear" B. VanDusen Sr.

May 18, 2019

James B. VanDusen, Sr. "Papa Bear", 67 of Syracuse died on May 18th from complications of diabetes.

A 1969 graduate of LaFayette High School, he worked as an auto mechanic for various dealerships over the years. He was a member of Elbridge Rod and Gun Club, the NRA and was a ham radio operator (WA2KCZ). He also enjoyed his Thursday night pool league and the friends he made there.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Barbara Sawicki VanDusen; a daughter, Kristin (Jon) Wilburn; sons, James Jr. (Cassandra) and Stephen B. (Baby Bear); five grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Cullen of Portland Oregon and Patricia Lane of Syracuse and brother, Donald (Joy) VanDusen of Liverpool as well as aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 from 4-7 PM at The Cremation Center at Woodlawn Cemetery, 800 Grant Blvd., Syracuse, NY. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider gifts for the benefit of Stephen B. VanDusen in care of his family.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

800 Grant Boulevard
Syracuse, NY 13203
[http://www.woodlawnsyracuse.org/index.php?
page=home](http://www.woodlawnsyracuse.org/index.php?page=home)

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Papa Bear" B. VanDusen Sr.*

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