



## James E. McCartney Jr.

May 24, 1961 - September 26, 2015

James “Jimmy” E. McCartney Jr., 54, of Springfield passed away Saturday, September 26, 2015, at his home with family and friends by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He now is joined in glory with his dear family that he loved so much, Grandpa Tom, Grandma Mary, Grandpa and Grandma McCartney, Vicki, Richard and Janice. He was born May 24, 1961, in Wood County, Ohio to James and Judy McCartney, Sr. of Grand Rapids, Ohio.

James retired in 2010 from the Air Force National Guard and civil service after 28 years. Jimmy served in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Provide Comfort Turkey and Afghanistan. He also served 2 years in Iceland. His family is very proud of his service and enjoyed working on the air crafts. He was a member of the New Covenant Baptist Church. Jimmy was involved, in High school sports and a 1979 graduate of Otsego High School in Tontogany, Ohio. He loved Ohio State Buckeyes, hunting and NASCAR, but most of all he loved his country. Jimmy is survived by his parents and loving and devoted wife and soul mate, Kathy McCartney, whom he married August 3, 1991. Together they raised a daughter, Jennifer (John) Haendel of Nashville, TN, a son, Michael (Jessica) McPherson of Colorado Springs, CO. He is also survived by a brother, Donald (Beth) McCartney in Washington, a sister, Sally (Phil) Cavanaugh in Custar, Ohio, three grand-gals Gabriela, Olivia, and Amelia, two grand-fellas Charles and Samuel, two step grand-sons Logan and Austin, he also has a new

grand-fella to arrive in December. A niece Stacy (Adam) Lamners with 8 great nieces and nephews and a nephew Jayson (Kim) Cavanaugh with 4 great nieces and nephew, His sweet Nieces Loriann and Ginny. He also enjoyed hanging out with his friends Gary and Rachelle, Holby and Shannon. Through out his battle with head and neck cancer he always had a smile on his face. He had many great people taking care of him at OSU James Cancer Center whom he was thankful for. He always had devoted wife by his side taking good care of him and his every need. In the end he was also thankful for the loving care that was given to him by his Sister Sally and his friends Suzanne, Bill and Angel all from Virginia. The family is very thankful for The Hospice of the Miami Valley for all their loving care they gave to Jimmy in his last few days. A memorial service with full military honors will be held 1:00 pm Saturday, October 3, 2015, at New Covenant Baptist Church, 455 E. Main St., Enon, with Pastor Ron Lee officiating. There will also be a few people that would like sing some songs and share some memorys. Adkins Funeral Home of Enon is assisting James's family with his final wishes. In Lieu of flowers Jimmy's wish was to have donations made to New Covenant Baptist Church. [www.adkinsfunerals.com](http://www.adkinsfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church  
455 E Main St,  
Enon, OH

# Tribute Wall

“ > 1) Ohio feels very Americana to me. Certainly my moms house does: American flags & red-white-blue memorabilia ever'where, houses nestled among corn fields, country music blaring from the open garage, meat on the grill, always working in the yard. My mom has the greenest thumb, did I ever tell you? Her yard is a small museum of flora, anything that can survive an Ohio winter: varieties of sedum, hosta, lambs ear, lilies, iris, daisies and an army of salvia. And then there are the annual pots of tuber rose paired with geranium, impatiens, sweet potato vines, dahlia and gerbera daisies. Anything I can think of and always something new besides. My mom has many faults, but she is a gentle, nourishing soul. She helps things grow; that is her way. And this is her legacy; it is how I will always think of my mom -- the sun & the sea, always blue & every green.



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> 2) Jimmy looks SURPRISINGLY good. I mean, he looks better than he has since all this started. He even has a little bit of hair growing back. I'm really surprised. And it's encouraging. He still has weekly chemo -- 11 more weeks of the chemo to prep him for the trial drug -- but to look at him you wouldn't really know it. Of course, he looks thin and small -- but not necessarily frail and almost broken.

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> 3) Today is Jimmy's birthday. He's 54. We didn't think he would make it to another birthday -- last year he was in ICU and very near to death. Not an exaggeration. But this year! As a small token, I gave him my medal from my marathon, since I ran much of it in his honor this year.

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> I won't pretend that I've always had a super close relationship with him. I won't even tell you that I've always thought he was deserving of my (flawed) mother. But what I can tell you is that ... This illness has changed more than just his body; it is changed the structure of this family. They love each other now in a way that they never have before. Having to rely on someone so extensively for your very life

*needs will humble a person, bringing gratitude and respect with it. This is fertile soil for love. I see that he loves her now as he has always meant to love her, always as she has deserved to be loved by him. And because of that, because of the quiet tenderness, affection and devotion between them, he will have my support and respect as any father figure should.*

Kathy McCartney - October 16, 2015 at 07:10 AM

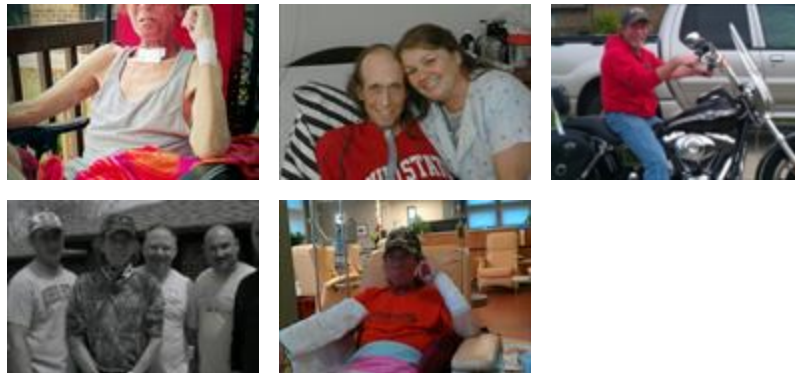
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*written by our daughter last year. Jennifer Haendel <3*

Kathy McCartney - October 16, 2015 at 07:11 AM

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Kathy McCartney - October 16, 2015 at 07:04 AM

KC

“ *I will always remember jimmy playing ,eating, and studying at our house. we all made a lot of good memories. He is a great man for all he has done. I know we will miss him but we will see him again. I will be praying for you all. Love you Kate and girls.*

kathy chadwell - October 03, 2015 at 09:32 PM

JG

“ I was deeply saddened when I read about Jim's passing. I taught him as a seventh grade student at Grand Rapids Junior High in the early 1970's. Without hesitation I can say that he was one of my absolute favorite students I ever taught in my twenty-five years in education. He was always kind and gentle, always smiling, and was almost always at my desk to chat for a couple of minutes before or after class. I have often thought of him over the years and wondered where he was. I only wish I had known about his illness and would have had the chance to tell him the lasting impact he had on me. My heart goes out to his parents, siblings, wife, and family.  
With genuine sympathy, Jeannie Genson Bowling Green, Ohio

Jeannie Genson - October 03, 2015 at 05:56 AM

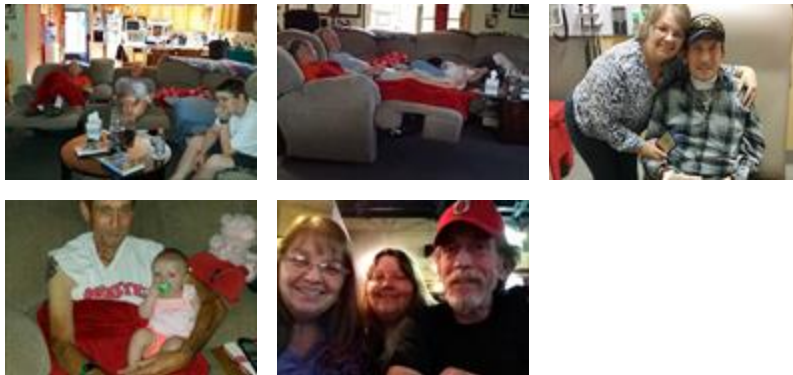
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What a wonderful post and memory, thank you for sharing. He was that "guy" that touched your heart. I miss him every second of the day. I will share your post with the family! Love Kathy

Kathy McCartney - November 12, 2015 at 04:27 PM



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Angel Shook Hays - October 02, 2015 at 05:31 PM

Paul  
Lovell

“ *Paul Lovell lit a candle in memory of James E. McCartney Jr.*



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**Paul Lovell** - October 01, 2015 at 04:25 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's illness and passing. I haven't seen him since high school but he was always a tremendous person to talk with. Truly a great guy. My sincere condolences to Jim's family in your loss.*

*Tina (Euler) Thomas*

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**Tina Thomas** - October 01, 2015 at 02:03 PM

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“ *Suzanne Sacra lit a candle in memory of James E. McCartney Jr.*



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**Suzanne Sacra** - October 01, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Angel Shook Hays lit a candle in memory of James E. McCartney Jr.*



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**Angel Shook Hays** - October 01, 2015 at 11:17 AM