



CELEBRATING
James Dale "Jim" Roach
1937 - 2023



REMEMBERING JIM

James Dale “Jim” Roach, age 86, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Westphalia Hills Nursing Home.

He was born on March 3, 1937, in Newburg, Mo., the son of Marion C. and Anna E. (Farley) Roach. Jim was married to Beverly Carlton and from this union three children were born.

After graduating from Rolla High School in 1955, he was employed with the newspaper as a photographer. In his spare time, he photographed weddings for Lyle Ramsey. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged on June 13, 1960. His professional career started with the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Moving back to Missouri, he gained employment at the Missouri State Highway Department and after more than 30 years of service, he retired in 2000.

Jim enjoyed spending time with friends and indulged in solving the world’s problems at his Wednesday breakfast club meetings at Mel’s Cafe and Oscar’s Diner. Additionally, he dedicated his time at the Little Theater and assisted in lighting, stage preparation, sound, and even acted for a little while.

Photography was also one of Jim’s biggest passions. When he wasn’t photographing at weddings, Jim enjoyed venturing out in the country and taking pictures of the wildlife and scenery. He also loved to go golfing and traveled around the United States playing at different golf courses. Jim not only enjoyed traveling around the U.S., but also around the world. He indulged on an adventure to Ireland and England where he could explore his Irish heritage.

One of Jim’s biggest accomplishments was his family. He cherished every moment spent with them whether it was cracking a witty joke or starting a debate just to engage in a friendly argument. Jim’s deep affection extended to his children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, with whom he shared his endearing “Granddadism’s”. Jim will be fondly remembered as a social and quirky man who held a deep love for both his friends and family.

Jim is survived by his children, Douglas Roach (Denise) of Taos, Mo., and Erin Philbert (Bill) of Holts Summit, Mo.; brother, Lee “Bud” Roach (Kristen) of Omaha, Ne.; son-in-law Troy Wagers; grandchildren, Tasha Watson (Andrew), Jordan Vandiver (Leah), Nicholas Vandiver (Sarhea), Dylan Roach (Stacey), Amanda Cochran (Matt), Shelbi Vandiver, Daniel Wagers, Ben Bish and Nick Bish (Jennifer), and great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kylie, Annika, Oliver, Joel and Audrey.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly Anne Wagers; brother, Larry Roach; and his parents, Marion and Anna Roach.