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James Eugene Failer (78yrs.) affectionately known as Fifi to his friends, passed away peacefully at Quaker Hill Nursing Facility in Baxter Springs, KS. Jim formerly lived in the Rossville, KS area for most of his life. Jim was born in Willard, KS the son of John Failer and Francis (Brayman) Failer.

Jim was a 1965 graduate of Delia High School. His class would be the last to graduate from the school before its closure. Upon graduation Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corp., having served 3 tours in Vietnam. He was extremely proud of his service to his country and often talked about his time overseas.

Jim married Brenda Sue Robb on May 3, 1975, to this union three daughters were born. They later divorced.

Upon his exit from the military, Jim went to work for Allis Chalmers, Van Vlecks convenience store, and would pick up seasonal jobs helping local farmers. He farmed many years for Clyde and Phyllis Miller. Eventually he settled into the Excavation industry. He made sure to tell us every time we went over the Willard Bridge, that he had helped build the grated bridge. Jim drove dump truck for Conroy Construction, Jayhawk Excavating, and Perry Excavating before retiring in 2011.

A life-long motorcycle enthusiast, Jim lived his life full throttle. When he was not at work, he was out riding his Harley. He had a passion for animals, cars,

and motorcycles. A true biker to the core, he was a longtime member of ABATE of KS District 4. He participated in many charity rides, his favorite being Toys for Tots. Additionally, he was a life-long member of Rossville American Legion Post 31. He took his beloved Dyna dog with him everywhere he went, until her passing in 2023.

Jim was preceded in death by both of his parents. A sister Marjorie Adams, sister Kathy Maus, brother-in-law Paul Maus, brother John Failer Jr., brother Dale Failer, an infant brother, and his beloved pup of 20yrs., Dyna.

Jim is survived by his 3 daughters. Cassandra (Michael) Gast, Janel Perez, and Janine (Steve) Allen. He is also survived by one brother Richard (Carolee) Failer. Jim is also survived by 10 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at this time, and will be announced at a later date.

Memorial Contributions can be made to American Legion Post 31 in Rossville, KS or to the Topeka Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ James was a wonderful person im sending my symphaty to the James family may James rest in peace terry I glenn

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