



Wayne "Jim" Harper

December 14, 1946 - August 6, 2024

Wayne "Jim" Harper, 77, of North Versailles, died Tuesday August 6, 2024 at home. He was born December 14, 1946 in Braddock, a son of the late Edwin James and Margaret (Peckalnsky) Harper and was also preceded in death by siblings Edwin T. Harper and Mary Ann Stanchik. Jim retired from the maintenance department at East Allegheny School District after 42 years' service and had served as president of the support personnel union. He started his firefighting career at the age of 15 and was a longtime member and chief of the former Dixon Hollow Volunteer Fire Department, was a founding member and president of FDNV after the merger of the North Versailles Township fire departments, and served as treasurer of the North Versailles Fire Department Relief Association. He enjoyed going to camp and was a founding member of the Five Pines Camp. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Sharon (Pannebaker) Harper; his children Jami Harper (Sonja R.) of VA, Debby Sullivan of North Versailles, and Andrew Thomas Harper of VA; his grandchildren Ashley Bradley, Mckenzie Bradley, Kat Harper, and James E. Harper; his great grandchildren Lilah and Paisley Kuchlewski; also nephews and a nieces. At Jim's request there will be no viewing. A celebration of Jim's life will be held Saturday, August 31, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Hartford Heights VFD. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to the Fire Department of North Versailles at www.fdnv.org. The Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, East McKeesport, is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com

Previous Events

Life Celebration Gathering

AUG 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hartford Heights VFD Social Hall
14335 Route 30
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Tribute Wall

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“ We would have the biggest fight at our firemen meeting short of calling the police. But once the meeting was over he be the first one to buy you a beer. He made it possible for me to join the Firehall by changing the rules for out of district members to join the Firehall. I thank him for that. I have been a member since June of 1974 and retired on 31May 2007. The day I retired from the Army. I wish family all the best.

*Paul Joseph Salopek
SFC-E7, USA Retired
Tiger- SAL*

PAUL JOSEPH SALOPEK - November 22, 2025 at 12:39 AM

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“ Fiber Technologies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne "Jim" Harper.

Fiber Technologies - August 30, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne "Jim" Harper.



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wayne "Jim" Harper.*



August 10, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Family. I enjoyed working with Jim, he was a very good man. Sincerely, Jerry Zawada*

Jerry Zawada - August 09, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wayne "Jim" Harper.*



August 08, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Worked with Jim many years ago. Good man, friendly & liked him real well. I am very sorry for Sharon & family. Sincerely , Toni Valicenti*

Toni Valicenti - August 08, 2024 at 07:21 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the family* ”



Janet Mangan - August 08, 2024 at 08:01 AM