



Jay Carter

December 12, 1958 - January 14, 2026

Dateline: Alton, IL

Jay A. Carter, 67, died Wednesday, January 14, 2026 in Godfrey, IL. after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. He was born December 12, 1958 in Alton, IL. Jay worked for the United States Postal Service for 30+ years, was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed 1812 reenactments. He had an uncanny sense of humor, loved dogs, Baby Ruths, repurposing old things, and could make a ridiculous sounding hoot of a Barred owl. Jay is survived by his brother James “Jamie” (Linda) Carter of Brighton, IL; brother David (Monica) Carter of Alton, IL; step-mother Janette Carter of Cottage Hills, IL; niece Jennifer (Eli) Gravert, great niece and nephew Naomi & James Gravert of St. Louis, MO and countless beloved cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peggy Carter and James “Sonny” Carter, and his niece Mallory Carter. Celebration of Life will be 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24 at the McNicholas Club Hall (1713 Stamper Ln, Godfrey, IL 62035). In lieu of flowers donations may be made of one's choice.

Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

McNicholas Club Hall
1713 Stamper Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Our Maintenance Department of the Postal Service would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family. May God continue to give each of you strength with lost of your love one. Each of you are in our prayers 🙏🕊️

Annetta Bass Terry - January 24 at 12:55 PM

KG

“ As a fellow member of the reenacting 1812 ranger group from Hills fort I've known Jay for close to 20yrs. I've camped with Jay in numerous locations and in all kinds of weather. He was always upbeat. Great historian and teacher of that history. He was well known and well respected in the living history community and he will be missed. Most of all my wife Cathy and I are proud to call Jay our friend

Ken Gaffney - January 18 at 09:18 PM

ER

“ As President of the Hill's Fort Society, it was always a great time to see Jay direct the Rangers thru parade maneuvers, grog rations, musket and parade drills, raising and lowering the flag. He was very kind to everyone and re-enacted life as if you were living in the early 1800s. May rest in Peace!
Eric Reelitz

Eric Reelitz - January 18 at 07:02 PM

DZ

“ Jay has been our neighbor for over 20 years...he has been missed these last few months..we watched over each other..we loved your sense of humor...sending prayers and hugs to your family and friends..rest in peace dear friend ♥️



Donna and Zina - January 18 at 07:33 AM

MM

“ I grew up in the same neighborhood as Jay...loved playing basketball and hockey with Jay and his brother Jamie. Jay was a great guy and friend.

Mike Mayer - January 16 at 09:55 PM

MM

“ Jay sat behind me in class at AHS and we became fast friends. I hated to hear about his illness and am deeply saddened by his death. Jay was a special person, one of a kind, and a wonderful woodworker. He helped us build a deck on the back of our house. Rest in peace dear friend. My condolences to his family.

Mary Ann (Schulz) Morris - January 16 at 06:41 PM