



## James W. "Jim" Sitzes

December 7, 1941 - August 23, 2020

James W. "Jim" Sitzes, 78 years of Red Bud, passed away on August 23, 2020 at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 7, 1941, in Sikeston, MO to Hubert and Rosa (Thompson) Sitzes. He married Alverna Staten on March 24, 1965. She preceded him in death on January 4, 2009.

Jim was a Vietnam Veteran who served courageously overseas in the United States Marine Corp Air Wing. Once honorably discharged, he returned home and began a long career as a metal finisher and owned and operated Imperial Industries which is still in business today. In his spare time, he enjoyed going out to eat at Caruso's, TGIF, Bob Evans and Red Lobster and having specific staff members take care of him. He was talkative, joking and very generous. He enjoyed traveling all over the United States and most recently spent time in Maine. He also enjoyed antiques and auctions. He will be dearly missed.

Surviving are son, James "Jay" W. (Peggy) Sitzes II of Red Bud,; two sisters, Darlene Best and Rowena Greer of Sikeston, MO; two brothers, Butch Sitzes and Dwayne Sitzes also of Sikeston, M. Also surviving are many other nieces and nephews along with other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two brothers, Wayne Sitzes and Gene Sitzes.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 29, 2020, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, at Koch-Liefer Funeral Home, Red Bud.. The funeral services will be held 12:00 PM, Saturday August 29, 2020, at Koch-Liefer Funeral Home in Red Bud with Rev. Mark Nebel officiating. Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home immediately following the funeral service. Private interment will take place later at Oak Grove Cemetery, Palestine, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church of Red Bud. For more information, please access our website, [www.leesmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.leesmanfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were handled by Koch-Liefer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery

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**Oak Grove Cemetery**

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# Events

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**AUG 29**   **Funeral Service**   12:00PM

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Leesman Funeral Home

220 Locust St., Red Bud, IL, US, 62278

# Comments

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“ Rest in Peace, my dear Uncle Winkie. You'll always remain in my heart. Love, BeeBees

Melinda Chagin - August 31 at 08:46 AM

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“ I am still unable to put into words what this man meant to me. Uncle Winton always looked out for me. My heart is simply in pieces.

Ali Koomen - August 29 at 11:52 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James W. "Jim" Sitzes.



August 25 at 03:46 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James W. "Jim" Sitzes.



August 25 at 03:43 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. "Jim" Sitzes.



August 25 at 01:26 PM



“ I didn't call him "James" or "Jim". To me he was Uncle "Winton". I saw him a handful of times per year growing up. His wife was my Dad's sister, my Aunt "Vernie". What they did for us kids when we were young was something I'll never forget. They always went out of their way to make sure we had a nice Christmas or a good Thanksgiving dinner.

My favorite gift was a transistor radio. I was maybe eight when we got them for Christmas. I listened to that radio for years after. That thing was a tank! Many a Bears game was on that radio while I mowed the lawn, walked around, or just hung out. Winton and Vernie always had a knack for getting us a "cool" present that was fun, not just something we would play with a time or two, but gifts that we kept playing, at least until we broke them.

Winton had a gleam and a twinkle in his eye. You couldn't help but like him. He was an honorable man and it was my honor to have known him. I didn't know he was born on Pearl Harbor Day until tonight. That adds another element to his life.

For Jay, Peggy and Jim's family, my sincere condolences.

**Kevin Lee Staten** - August 24 at 10:22 PM