

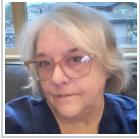


## JAMES WILLARD PRATER

April 1, 1959 - December 22, 2023

PRATER, James Willard, age 64, of Trenton, Ohio, passed away Friday, December 22, 2023 at Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties. James was born April 1, 1959 at the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He served in the U.S. Army. He lived in Ohio most of his life, except for about 20 years in Houma, Louisiana, where he was a Ship's Captain for a shipping company, transporting passengers to oil rigs. He also had been a Hospital Security Guard in Louisiana, and a truck driver for a time. James was an avid reader. He also enjoyed Si Fi and loved being in the outdoors. He loved children and enjoyed family get togethers with all the family and the children. Preceding him in death were his parents, Mary Lee (Carr) and Paul Steven Prater (September 5, 2023); brother, Robert Scott Prater, half-brother, Jack R. Crull; and brother-in-law, Terry Whitt. He is survived by two sisters, Paulette Whitt and Virginia (Guy) Gentry; brother, Tony (Lee) Prater; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. The family is planning a Celebration of Life for James, which will be announced at a later time. Continue to watch this obituary for added details. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the V.A. Hospital in Dayton, Ohio to be used for the charities they support. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family on this website, [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

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Dearly missed. Never forgotten*

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