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James W. "Gambler" Hedrick, age 64, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2013 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring, surrounded by his family. Born in Cumberland, Maryland, James moved to Ohio as a young man and graduated from Hopewell Loudon High School of Bascom, OH, with the class of 1966. For 30 years he worked as a Machinist for Atlas Crankshaft in Fostoria, Ohio, retiring in the late 1990's. Upon his retirement, James moved to St. Augustine and worked as a driver and guide for the St. Augustine Red Train Company. He loved classic cars and Harley Motorcycles, and was also known for having a big heart for others, as evidenced by volunteering his time in feeding the homeless. James was a member of ABATE of FL., Vintage Chapter, where he served the Public Relations Communications Officer. Above all, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and will be remembered for the famous quote that he lived up to, "It's all about the Ride!" He was preceded in death by a son, Kiel James Hedrick, and his father, Emory Hedrick. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Susan Hedrick of St. Augustine; sons, Ronald Hedrick of Fostoria, OH, Kenneth Hedrick of Indiana, Jeff Hedrick of Lima, OH, and Kasey Swinehart of St. Augustine; daughters, Kelly Swinehart and Kara Swinehart, both of St. Augustine; a sister, Sonja Lee Combs of Edmonton, KY; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Jackson, Betty Jackson and Joanne Goddard, and her husband, Bill;

seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A celebration of his life will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at The Beachers Lodge conference room, 6970 A1A S, St Augustine, FL 32080. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RN

“ *Sending my condolences.*

Rebecca "Goldie" Nostrant - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *Jim was always there to help anyone, no matter how big or small, what ever the problem. I will miss his smile.*

Vickie Risner - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *R.I.P. Gambler. The ride for you continues. It's just at a higher level. GBNF. It's all about the ride! L&Rd*

Ranzo - December 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Always in our hearts - James will be missed very much. Absolutely loved him. He was an awesome person.*

Grace Lord - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *I will see your smile everyday as you enjoy that ride on the golden streets in heaven. We will take care of your Sue and your family until it is time for them to come home to you. Miss you Brother. It is all about the ride.*

Tracy Massoth - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will miss our rides, & our talks, But most of all, I will miss you my Brother. Get those bikes high & tight, for one day we will ride again.

John Massoth - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ When I first met James right away I felt that he was a very special person... Then he spoke and I realized that this is a person I need to listen to what he is saying... Just something about whatever he said made sense to me... Thank you James for the kind words you always had for me... As I continue my journey on earth I will stop and listen for your kind words again... Until we meet again my dear...

Linda Freeman - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am sorry for your loss. I am glad I had the chance to meet Jim and see how happy you all were living in Florida. I am glad you and your sisters are close and they will help you get through this hard time in your life. Teresa Buchholtz Slosser

Teresa Slosser - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Always in my heart always by my side I love you dad!!!!

Kara Lynn - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM