



James Victor Stayrook

March 3, 1950 - October 7, 2025

James Victor Stayrook, age 75, of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away while doing what he loved most—fishing—on Lake Shaefer.

James was born on March 3, 1950, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Eugene Stayrook and Anna Kary. After graduating from high school, he began his career at Bethlehem Steel, where he worked as a skilled millwright.

James had a lifelong love for the outdoors and was happiest with a fishing pole in hand. He enjoyed coaching Little League when his boys were young, served his community as a member of the local fire department, an active member of the Old Timers Club and co-founder of the Kankakee Valley Bass Busters. For the past 22 years, James shared his life with his beloved companion, Patricia Fase, with whom he made many cherished memories.

He is survived by his sons, Keith (Jennifer) Stayrook and Nathan (Lori) Stayrook; six grandchildren—Tyler, Blake, Bane, Bohem, Briker, and Madeline Stayrook; and five great-grandchildren—Delilah, Luke, Finley, Benjamin, and Rian; his partner Patricia's daughter, Lisa and grandchildren Megan & Alex who all held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by his brothers—Stanley, Nicholas, Rodney, and Steven Stayrook.

James was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Christian Stayrook.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life at 12:00 p.m. at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



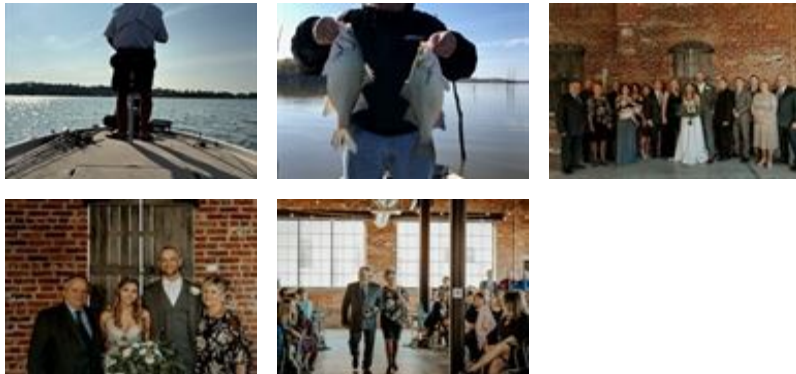
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James Victor Stayrook*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 13, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 13, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Victor Stayrook.*



October 13, 2025 at 10:02 AM

TK

“ *The Kary Cousin's, Bruce Hudzik, Brian Hudzik, Joseph Krawiec, Deborah Melius, Christine Policastro, Mathew Kary planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Victor Stayrook.*

The Kary Cousin's, Bruce Hudzik, Brian Hudzik, Joseph Krawiec, Deborah Melius, Christine Policastro, Mathew Kary - October 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ *The Galbato Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Victor Stayrook.*



The Galbato Family - October 12, 2025 at 11:22 AM

ST

“ *Stan's Friends Tom,Pam,Joe,Rita&Kim purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of James Victor Stayrook.*



Stan's Friends Tom,Pam,Joe,Rita&Kim - October 12, 2025 at 10:07 AM

CC

“ *Chuck Largen Old Timers Fishing Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Victor Stayrook.*

Chuck Largen Old Timers Fishing Club - October 11, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Victor Stayrook.



October 11, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Your brothers Nick and Rod and Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Victor Stayrook.

Your brothers Nick and Rod and Steve - October 11, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Your brothers Nick and Rod and Steve purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Victor Stayrook.



Your brothers Nick and Rod and Steve - October 11, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Davis, Danko, and Kary family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Victor Stayrook.

Davis, Danko, and Kary family - October 10, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Victor Stayrook.*



October 10, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *We are sending love and prayers to the families of Jim and Pat. Your pain is our pain! Jim was such a wonderful , fun-loving guy and Pat was right by his side. What great memories we shared with them! He always had a smile on his face & a great comeback! He was so proud of his family. Rest well, Jim, and enjoy that big fishin' hole in the sky! Love & Friends Forever, Craig & Ruthie Papenfus*



Craig & Ruth Papenfus - October 10, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Victor Stayrook.*



October 10, 2025 at 01:02 PM

AM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the families of
Jim My thoughts and prayers are with you all*



Rest in Peace , Jim !

Amy Mendoza

Boston , Ma



Amelia Mendoza - October 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM