



## James Ray "JR" Ruggles

March 7, 1937 - June 26, 2024

James Ray "JR" Ruggles, age 87 of Beaver passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the Four Winds Nursing Community Care in Jackson. He was born March 7, 1937 in Wellston, Ohio to the late Raymond H. and Georgia K. White Ruggles. He was veteran of the US Army and after his tour of duty, he attended the R.O.T.C at Breckenridge in San Antonio Texas and made a career of working as a correctional officer having worked at: the Ohio Penitentiary until its closing, Franklin County Sheriffs office, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, London Correctional Facility and retired from Orient Penitentiary. He had a love for animals and In his free time, James enjoyed metal detecting, fishing, Ohio State football, yard work and frequenting auctions. He was also a lifelong member of patriotic veterans organizations such as The American Legion, the Eagles, Moose and VFW.

He is survived by his daughter: Melody Michelle Graham, granddaughters: Mandy Manning and Shania Graham, great-grandchildren: Calloway Osborne, Kensington Osborne, Amelia Graham and Lillian Bandy as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Tom Ruggles and Daniel Ruggles, sister: Kae Gimble.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent tot the family at: [www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry I didn't know h long but he seamed like a super sweet person he will be missed

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**Vickie SKeens** - July 02, 2024 at 10:56 PM

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“ Melody, I remember you as a child, JR would bring you to the house for a visit. He was such a good dad to you and to the Jensen kids and grandkids. Deepest sympathy to you and the family. Wish we had seen more of him after Mom died. He jumped in the pool when Chris's Matt fell in. No one else reacted as quickly. He always kept a protective eye on the little.

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**judi** - July 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM

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“ I remember as a child going to his house. He always had some quirky gift from an auction for me and I'd play with that while I watched him on the back patio doing his yard work that he took such pride in! He's never had an unkind word to say to me or anyone else for that matter. He will be greatly missed! Fly high with your very own set of silver wings grandpa!

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**mandy manning** - July 01, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of James Ray Ruggles, give you peace,  
comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You  
will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, James Ray Ruggles, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM**