



James Otte

June 24, 1946 - November 11, 2025

James Elmer Otte was born on Monday, June 24m 1946 in St Louis, Missouri to parents, Elmer Henry Herman and Opal Elanore (Hemmer) Otte. He left Tulsa, Oklahoma to meet his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. He was 79 years of age.

James was one of four children growing up in the St. Louis area. He graduated from Lutheran High School South in 1964. He continued his education at Rankin Trade School in St. Louis gaining valuable carpentry skills and at Tarkio College in St. Louis earning his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. James served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He had met the former Miss Barbara Ellen McNab with firm plans to take her to be his wife. There were complications and the wedding was delayed due to issues with his Army service 'leave'. He was able to get his leave and marry his bride, Barbara, on Thursday, November 24, 1966 in St. Louis, Missouri. Together they raised three children.

Being in the service during that era, James became Lifetime Member of the DAV (Disabled Veteran's Association). After an honorable discharge from the Army, James became a Police Officer for Webster Grove, Missouri. With years of experience, he sought employment as a Special Investigator for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. James was successful in both careers and officially retired from OSBI in 2004.

Church attendance was important to James and he was faithful to attend the Church of Saint Benedict in Broken Arrow with his lovely wife. Oh, how he

enjoyed singing the old hymns. He loved Jesus and it showed in the love and attention he gave his family. James adored his family and took every opportunity to spend time with them, especially Barbara.

In Lieu of flowers please consider a donation to:

Unbound (www.unbound.org) or Operation Smile (www.operationssmile.org)

Family to cherish his memories,

Wife: Barbara Otte of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Children: Christopher Otte and Molly of Oro Valley, Arizona

Michelle Logan and Michael, of Moore, Oklahoma

Jennifer Thomas and Tyler of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grandchildren: Andrew, Jake, Courtney, Maggie, Katie, Megan, Jessica,
Ashley,

Noah, Connor

Siblings: David Otte, Diane Wunderlich

Puppy: Muffin

Preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Opal Otte and sibling, Ronald Otte.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
2200 W. Ithica St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Otte.* ”



November 13, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ OSBI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Otte. ”

OSBI - November 13, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Otte.* ”



November 13, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Terri Crawford lit a candle in memory of James Otte* ”



Terri Crawford - November 13, 2025 at 10:32 AM

TC

I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jim for many years at OSBI and I remember him fondly.

Terri Crawford - November 13, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DO

JIM was the best brother anyone could ask for. growing up together we had our troubles but nun too serious. I Loved him dearly and will miss him. we often Communicated by phone. We came close after our parents and our older brother passed away, We saw each other the last time when my wife and I went to St. Louis to see the Cardinals ballgame and he and his wife drove up from Broken Arrow Oklahoma.

David Otte - March 16 at 10:56 PM