

Du Bois, NE

James "Jimmy" Joy Wray, 69 of Du Bois, Nebraska passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, after a long struggle to heal from a motorcycle accident. He was born on September 9, 1945, Council Bluffs, IA to Joy "Hap" and Doris (Pollitt) Wray.

Jimmy was raised around Malvern, Iowa. After graduating in 1964 he joined the United States Navy. After getting his honorable discharge from the US Navy, he became employed at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he retired after 30 years. Upon moving to Du Bois, Nebraska he got a job with Koch & Company in Seneca, Kansas and worked there till his stroke in 2007, at which time he retired.

Jimmy married Beverly Maxwell and later divorced her in 1993. He married Connie Grable in 1996, along with her came her three sons, Scott, Jerry and Andy. Jimmy and Connie made their home in Lincoln, Nebraska, later moving to Douglas, Nebraska and then to their current home in Du Bois, Nebraska.

Jimmy was avid Freedom Fighter, believing strongly in the 2nd Amendment and what it stood for. He was an active member of the VFW, American Legion, Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, 40 & 8, NRA, as well as being a lifetime honorary member of ABATE of Nebraska.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Joy and Doris Wray, and twin sister Jo Wright.

He is survived by his wife Connie of the home, sons, Scott Grable, Lincoln, Nebraska, Jerry (Lisa) Grable, Marysville, KS, and Andy Grable, Waterville, KS, brother Bob Wray, Glenwood, IA, nieces, Merri (Brian), Lisa (Tom) Hofer, Suzie (Kevin) Agnew, Christina (Elvin) Duran, and Nephews Daniel (Sheila) Wright, Bruce (Kim) Wray, Nick (Kiersten) Wray and Jon (Heather) Wray, granddaughters, Katie Grable, Alexis Grable, Miley Grable of Marysville, KS, grandsons, Alex and Tony Grable of Marysville, KS, other relatives and friends

Celebration of Life 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Officiating Deb Pepperil. Cremation, register book available for signing on Saturday, August 4, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and family will greet friends from 3-4 p.m. at Wherry Mortuary, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Private family inurnment at a later date. Memorials to family choice. On line condolence may be left at [www.wherrymortuary.com](http://www.wherrymortuary.com)