



James Rolland Coats

October 26, 1949 - May 5, 2014

James Rolland Coats, 64, of Alexandria, died suddenly May 5, 2014 at his home in Alexandria, IN. Jim was born on October 26, 1949 in Anderson, Indiana, the son of Robert H. and Annabelle J. Layton Coats. He was a 1967 Madison Height Graduate and had attended Ball State and Indiana State University. Jim lived most of his life in Anderson until he moved to his Alexandria residence in 2005. Jim was an avid long distance walker and a familiar sight traveling along in his neighborhood and the surrounding area. He was rather obsessed with gardening and had just finished prepping his garden plot for this year's planting. He also enjoyed sharing his "crop" with friends and family, especially his homemade salsa. Through "The thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat", Jim was a zealous, long time Chicago Bears Fan. He always looked forward to watching Da Bears with his circle of fellow Bears Fans, Bear Down, Guys. Surviving Jim is his sister, Cathy Jim Harlan, nephews, Quintin "Q" Harlan, Dan Jennifer Harlan, beloved great-niece, Annabelle Harlan all of Anderson, several aunts, uncles and cousins. Also special to Jim were his ever constant card playing friends, some of whom hail from the "6th Street Days". Thanks Gentleman!!! And all those who inhabited the "Bear Basement" on any given Sunday. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert L. Coats. Cremation will take place. Memorial contributions may be made to family to help with expenses. www.loosecares.com.