



Jim "Chopper" Wilcox

June 5, 1960 - September 21, 2025

Chopper Wilcox

Jim "Chopper" Wilcox, 65, of Kankakee passed away Sunday September 21, 2025 at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born June 5, 1960 in Oak Park, IL.

Jim was a tattooed, bike riding, Captain and Coke drinking, story spinning, no bullshit kind of man. If you knew him, you laughed with him, probably argued with him, and maybe got in a little trouble with him. If you didn't know him, you probably still heard him coming a mile away.

Jim is survived by his badass wife Shelley (Kitching), his 8 loud children, Evan & Yuliana, Candace & John, Ryan & Tony, Jessica & Randy, Brandi & Jim, Karley, Aly, and Trinity & Ryan, and so many wild grandkids who lovingly called him Papa; Nick, Chris, Reece, Morgan, Jayce, Landen, Maci, Alexis, Piper, Briana, Kamra, Alayna, Lorelei, Milo, and everyone's favorite, Ryker. His legacy will live on in every mile ridden in his honor. He is not gone, just riding ahead, raising hell!

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 2pm until 7pm at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Cremation rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall

JH

“ To know him was to love him. Uncle Jim was one of a kind. One of the best. God needed a badass up there so he called the best there was home. All my love to Shelley and family.

JoLynn Headley - September 24, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



September 23, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

September 23, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TF

“ The Thompson Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



The Thompson Family - September 23, 2025 at 12:36 PM

TF

“ Thanks for the memories. From The Murrey Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

Thanks for the memories. From The Murrey Family - September 23, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CK

“ Aunt Shelley, My deepest condolences on the loss of Jim. He was a heck of a man and one-of-a-kind! I am praying for you and the family. May Jim rest in peace.

Casey Kitching - September 23, 2025 at 10:04 AM

RO

“ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYdqnYXvedI&list=RDvYdqnYXvedI&start_radio=1

Roondog - September 23, 2025 at 06:04 AM

SC

“ Shawn and Sandy Cahill purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



Shawn and Sandy Cahill - September 22, 2025 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ Shawn and Sandy Cahill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

Shawn and Sandy Cahill - September 22, 2025 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ Well cousin, I’ve never known life without you. We’ve been through quite a bit over the years. You left me with enough memories and stories to tell that could go on 4 days. You were always in a good mood (especially when we were getting into a little bit of mischief). Things just aren’t going to be the same without you. I feel like some of my childhood died right along with you. Say hi to grandma, your mom, aunt Mary, my brother and father and the rest of the family that’s with you. Take care cuz and we will see each other again someday. Love ya, Shawn.

Shawn Cahill - September 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM

FF

“ Frickenstein, McGraw, and Dobek families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



Frickenstein, McGraw, and Dobek families - September 22, 2025 at 08:21 PM

FF

“ Frickenstein, McGraw, and Dobek families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

Frickenstein, McGraw, and Dobek families - September 22, 2025 at 08:21 PM

WL

“ With love, the Larsens. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



With love, the Larsens. - September 22, 2025 at 08:18 PM

WL

“ With love, the Larsens. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

With love, the Larsens. - September 22, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



September 22, 2025 at 04:26 PM

JT

“ How lucky of a girl to have been called daughter by Jim. To be around him was to feel loved by him. I took joy in making him laugh. I'll never forget the sound of his laugh . He has enlightened me on how one should live truly as themselves, no apologies.

Jessica Thompson - September 22, 2025 at 12:57 PM

SD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sheila Dean - September 22, 2025 at 06:51 AM

RO

Thanks for posting this....

Roondog - September 23, 2025 at 09:59 AM

SD

“ *My condolences to Shelley and family.*

Jim, also known as “Tootsie” 55+ years ago, was my brother Brad’s close grade school friend, later reuniting as teens (photo of Jim included) and again years later through Facebook. They caught crayfish at the creek, rode stingray bicycles, and traveled to Tennessee in my Mom’s handed-down Dodge Dart. They were partners in fun and had their share of boyhood mischief! Jim was at our house often. He was part of the family and teased me like a brother. We reconnected a few years ago and talked of old and present times. He will always be Tootsie to me. Rest in peace, our friend. I love you. (Give Brad a big hug and no rabble-rousing you two!) Sheila Dean

Sheila Dean - September 22, 2025 at 06:45 AM

SD

“ Sheila Dean purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



Sheila Dean - September 22, 2025 at 06:19 AM

SD

“ Sheila Dean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

Sheila Dean - September 22, 2025 at 06:19 AM



“ One of my favorite *Chatterbox* crew...He could always make you laugh, and will be missed by many.



Stephnee Lynn - September 21, 2025 at 11:18 PM

LS

“ To know chopper was to love him.. he was the most thoughtful person I've known. From his crazy dances to just being a friend you knew would be there. All the fun times we've had together I'll never forget .thank you for all the awesome memories. Ride in paradise my friend. Praying for Shelley and all her family 🍷 here's to you and all the memories. Love you

Lana Sommer - September 21, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ Connie Ohrt lit a candle in memory of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox



Connie Ohrt - September 21, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TK

“ Shelley, Jim and I were so sad to hear about Jim. Even thou we only knew him for a short time, he will always be in our heart on how he looked after our daughter and how Charlie would wait by the fence for a treat. You both have been great neighbors and I thank you. If there is anything you need please let us know. Jim and Tonie Kuchar

Tonie Kuchar Kuchar - September 21, 2025 at 05:42 PM

RK

“ Ron kopp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.



Ron kopp - September 21, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RK

“ Ron kopp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Chopper" Wilcox.

Ron kopp - September 21, 2025 at 04:09 PM