

## James M. Oden

May 11, 1942 – Dec. 6, 2018



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James M. Oden, 76, Mentone, passed away at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He was born on May 11, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Earl Richard and Mary Ellen (Warren) Oden.

On Aug. 8, 1964, in La Porte, he married Linda L. Masterson. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 2010.

Mr. Oden had worked as a truck driver for various companies through the years. He retired from Standard Forwarding, East Moline, Ill., driving out of the South Bend location. He was a member of Riverview Community Church, the American Legion, and the No. 364 Teamsters of South Bend and a former Moose Lodge member in South Bend. He enjoyed walking at the YMCA in Warsaw and eating out with family and friends at Martin's, Warsaw, and Teel's Family Restaurant, Mentone.

Survivors include his children, Ellen M. and husband Ray Boardman, Rochester, and James R. Oden, Mentone; grandchildren Nicole Lin Boardman, Rochester, Martin William Boardman, stationed with the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Sarah Marie Baugh, Bloomington; brother Fred Oden, Rochester; companion Judy Taylor, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Jack Oden.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County DVA. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com).

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