James Waren Backlund

September 20, 1948 - January 29, 2012

Raleigh, NC

James Backlund, 63, a native of Bloomington, IL, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Dottie) of Raleigh, NC; sons Kurt Backlund of Fishers, IN; Philip Backlund of Doylestown, PA; Denny Jurin of Ashurn, VA; daughter Sharon Jurin of Lansdale, PA; grandson Tyler Backlund of Fishers, IN; granddaughter Madisyn Jurin of Hilltown, PA; sisters Anna Holm of Raleigh, NC; Donna Beckley of Marietta, GA and brother Thomas Backlund of Doylestown, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Arlene Backlund and brother John Backlund, Jr.

Jimmy served in the Army National Guard in the late 1960's. He was an active member of the American Legion and a charter member and Past President of the South Wake County Veterans of Foreign Wars Men's Auxiliary.

In addition to his interest in veteran's affairs, Jimmy loved all sports, expecially horseracing and the Philadelphia Eagles.

He was loved by his children and family who will miss him but take comfort that he is at peace.