



## James Emil Kovalchik

July 10, 1943 - August 13, 2018

James “Zoomer” Emil Kovalchik, 75, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2018.

He was born in July 10, 1943 in Youngstown, Ohio, to the late Emil and Vera Sekulich Kovalchik. Mr. Kovalchik came home after serving in Vietnam, 1968-1969 then, left home again with the blessings of his terrific parents. Leaving Youngstown, Ohio for North Carolina he began to pursue his dream of working in Nextel Cup Racing. That’s when it began in the fall of 1970. Thru the years, he had worked with owners such as Lee and Richard Petty, LG Dewitt, Roger Penske, Rod Osterlund, Harry Ranier, Raymond Beadle, Chuck Ryder, Ricky Rudd and Jack Roush. Drivers such as Richard Petty, Buddy Baker, Pete Hamilton, Benny Parsons, Tim Richmond, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, Rusty Wallace, Dave Marcis, Mike Waltrip, Ricky Rudd, Jeff Burton, Mark Martin, Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards, to name a few and hundreds of crew men. He had run his last race over these last thirty some odd years, where he finished. “I do not know but I was competitive and it was one Hell of a Race” Now he is going on to Arlington National Cemetery to meet up with some more special people who were part of his life. He was proud, honored, and very blessed to have had the privilege of being a son, father, racer and a defender of our country in this wonderful United States of America.

Mr. Kovalchik is survived by his son, Andy Kovalchik of Mooresville; brother,

Tom Kovalchik and wife, Barbara; sister, Susan Slagle and husband, Dean; and mother of his son, Sheilah Hundley.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Cavin-Cook Chapel. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Kovalchik family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

AUG 21. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Emil Kovalchik*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *James Emil Kovalchik*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *James Emil Kovalchik*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Emil Kovalchik.*



August 18, 2018 at 02:36 PM