



## Mr. Jean Robert "JR" Canaguier

July 2, 1946 - December 15, 2023

Mr. Jean Robert "JR" Canaguier, 77, of New Salem, passed from this life on December 15, 2023, at his much-loved farm. He was born July 2, 1946, in Draguignan, France and emigrated to the United States, through Ellis Island, with his family as a young boy.

Mr. Canaguier would go on to serve his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He would also receive his Bachelor's degree as well as a Master's degree in Computer Technology. He believed computers would be a big part of the future, and he didn't know how right he would be. He was an electrician by trade and owned and operated his own business.

Mr. Canaguier was an avid motocross rider and instructor. After moving to the New Salem area, he set up a motocross track on his farm and created Jumpstart Motocross Academy. The Canaguier's were currently in the process of building their dream home on the farm that he loved.. He was a member of the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department and participated with the Patriot Guard Riders on his Harley Davidson. Mr. Canaguier was also active in the local community theatre, a love he discovered late in life. He left a legacy of always being willing to help his friends and neighbors, leaving everyone with stories to tell.

Mr. Canaguier was preceded in death by his father Jean Canaguier, mother and step-father Almeda and Frank Roback, and brother Mark Roback.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle Canaguier of New Salem; son, Robert Canaguier and wife Jamie of Kilgore; daughter, Stephanie Canaguier of Longview; step-daughters, Tammy Brewer of San Antonio, Kerri Brewer of New York City, Jenny Ressel of Shertz, Melissa Rzepka-Martin and husband Drew of Fountain, Colorado, and Karen Priestly of Corpus Christi; brothers, James Canaguier, William Canaguier, Richard Roback and wife Evelyn, and Matthew Roback; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Canaguier also loved and adored his nieces and nephews. He is survived by countless friends and colleagues.

A celebration of life for Mr. Canaguier will be held at the farm later, in the spring.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).