



James M. Kaiser

January 15, 1932 - January 25, 2012

James 'Jim' M. Kaiser

YORKVILLE: James 'Jim' M. Kaiser, 80, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at his residence. Jim was born on January 15, 1932 in Snowball, Arkansas, the son of Harley Boyle and Winona (nee: Straw) Boyle (who died at childbirth) as James Clifford Boyle. Taken from Arkansas and raised by his uncle and aunt Loran (Bessie nee: Boyle) Knapp of Monmouth, Illinois, until aunt Bessie's death from diabetes. He continued living with his uncle Loren, along with his brothers, Howard and Marion and sister, Ida, until Howard was reunited with his father (Harley) at age 14. Sister Ida went to live with Mr. And Mrs. Leroy Butler, an aunt and uncle. The Monmouth County Welfare Agency then removed Jim and Marion to foster homes, first with preacher Earl and Mrs. Borton of Monmouth and then to farmer Aden and Mrs. Wright of Monmouth, IL. At 8 years of age, Jim was adopted by Herbert and Ruth (nee: Montgomery) Kaiser of Milwaukee and his name was changed from James Clifford to James Marvin Kaiser.

Jim is a graduate of Boys Technical High School in Milwaukee, where he was a member of National Honor Society, gym team and studied commercial art. He served in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1956. Jim worked at Square D Company in Milwaukee for seven years, in the machine shop and in testing. It was there that he met and married Patricia Merrie Wordell, on June 25, 1955. Together they raised 6 healthy children, Cheryl Ann, Claire Ellen, James Patrick, John Michael and Twins, Richard George and Robert Earl. Jim

left Square D Company in 1957 to embark on a sales and management career, starting at Boehlke Chevrolet in Cedarburg, WI and including Don Hutson Chevrolet-Cadillac in Racine and Braeger Chevrolet in Milwaukee. Jim was preceded in death by daughter, Cheryl Ann, who was murdered in Dallas, Texas within 2 weeks of moving there in 1979 and wife Patricia, who succumbed to Brain Cancer in 1987.

Jim left the auto business then, and bought a small bar and grill in Adams, WI known as "Rank's Bar", which he operated for several years before returning to Racine. Feeling the need to remain active, he worked mostly part-time including 3 years as a driver and counter sales person for NAPA Auto Parts. In 1999 he moved to Hatch, New Mexico, with longtime acquaintance Marilyn M. (nee: Paeth) Leonhart who had lost her husband 'Fritz' due to cancer. They were married in Hatch, NM on August 28, 1999. Jim was the head cook at Cho-Cho's Steak House and Lounge in Hatch, until being diagnosed with colon cancer, which with treatment and an operation was cured. Jim and Marilyn returned, once more, to Racine and undertook the management of Paul's Motel in Sturtevant. After several years the 24/7 hours for 51 weeks a year became too much and they retired! Jim enjoyed gardening, fishing and working crossword puzzles.

Surviving is his wife, Marilyn; children, Claire (Miles) Hauser, James (Raeanne) Kaiser, John (Dianna) Kaiser, Col. Richard (Heather) Kaiser, Col. Robert (Susan) Kaiser, Donna (Ron) Cannoles, Kathy (Don) Weimer, Brian (Stacy) Burdick and Floyd 'Sonny' Burdick; 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Alice (Delmar) Burman. He is further survived by other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 11 a.m. Jim will be laid to rest, with full military honors, at St. Louis Cemetery in Caledonia. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Sunday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family would be appreciated.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice Alliance for their loving care.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
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Visitation

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

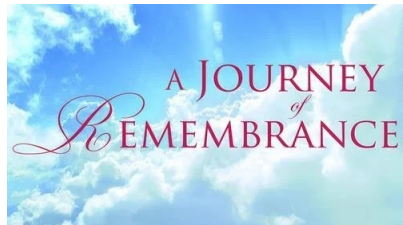
JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Kaiser*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Uncle Jim was my Dads baby brother and we loved him so much. So sorry for your loss. God be with you all*

Susan Boyle Black - August 23, 2014 at 02:34 PM

PM

“ *Jim, and his boys are a big part of my happy memories from the Don Hutson days. He will always be that guy who went the extra mile for us - and Cheryl was my best lab partner ever at Park... I loved that smile - now they are both in place where it all makes sense, but are missed here.*
Peter & Laura (Adams) Medendorp - St Louis

Peter Medendorp - February 06, 2012 at 12:40 PM

BW

“ *Bob and Ciddy are glad to see the photos. So nice to see Jim's story and to see all the family. We also heard from Nancy about the service and all of you, and we wish we could have been there. We will call you soon. Love, Bob and Ciddy Wordell*

Bob and Ciddy Wordell - January 31, 2012 at 01:13 PM

AG

“ Not until today did I see the video. I had the feeling of being right there with all of you, what wonderful photos and memories. As stated in my earlier message, remembering Jimmy's smile and laugh and that sparkle in his eyes, it really was there throughout his life. Being a 'double cousin' was always so special. Thanks for sharing his story through pictures. Love to all. Jane (Knapp)Grimes

Arlie Jane Knapp Grimes - January 29, 2012 at 06:09 PM



“ Sea Spray Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. Kaiser.



January 29, 2012 at 08:52 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James M. Kaiser.



January 27, 2012 at 01:38 PM

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“ USARAF Engineers purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James M. Kaiser.



USARAF Engineers - January 27, 2012 at 04:20 AM