



James William Ellis

November 6, 1943 - May 17, 2023

James William Ellis, age 79, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at his home. He was born November 6, 1943, in Del Rapids, South Dakota, a son of the late Harold John and Marie Clazine (VanDam) Ellis.

On April 29, 1967, in Chicago, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Barbara Jean Reilly.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy and served in the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was stationed on the USS Randolph until he was honorably discharged.

He owned and operated RSI (Reproduction Specialist Incorporated) in Northbrook, Illinois until his retirement.

He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, the Knights of Columbus and was a 4th Degree Knight, was president of Cochurmin Homes, volunteered for the Laurie 5-0 Crime Watch for many years and was chairperson of the 4th Degree Patriotic Flag Program.

He enjoyed playing poker, shooting trap, flying ultralights, scuba diving, fishing, hunting and taking part in the Whitewater Lake Patrol.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, he is survived by his sons, Lee Ellis, Don Ellis and wife Cathie, Gary Ellis and Mike Ellis and wife Janine; grandchildren, Erika, Timothy, Amelia, Amanda, Matthew, Mark and wife Myah, Kevin, Brittnei and husband Robert, Michelle and Jonathon; his siblings, Milton Ellis and wife Helen, Bonnie Ahlers and husband Arn, June Homan and husband Jim, Gene Ellis, Roger Ellis and wife Roxie and Carol Jewett and husband Robert and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral mass with full military honors will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 23rd, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by a rosary at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to KOC Mary Mother of the Church Council 10381 for seminarian support of future priests.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Rosary

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 23. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ Don and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and our prayer is that you find peace and comfort. May he rest in peace.

Rick and Lisa Loewen

Rick Loewen - May 22, 2023 at 08:29 PM

RG

“ Dear Barb, Lee, Don, Gary, Mike, and family,
Jim's spirit now lives on through your family.
Prayers for you all, may the Lord comfort you and give you strength.
Vivat Jesus!
Russ Gunther

Russ Gunther - May 19, 2023 at 12:44 AM

DG

“ Dear Barb and Family,
I am so sorry for your sudden and deep loss. Jim was a special person. I had the privilege of being in almost all the same classes with him for 12 years! Always a fun, fine person. What a GOOD person. What a loss to us!!!!
Prayers for all of you during this difficult time.
Donna Geraets

Donna Geraets - May 18, 2023 at 11:01 PM

SD

*Dear Barb,
Brian and I send our sincere condolences on the passing of Jim. He was an exceptional human being. Peace to you and your children.
Brian and Sue Doak*

susan doak - May 19, 2023 at 01:08 PM

SG

*Dear Barb & Family,
You have our empathy and prayer 🙏 at this time of Jim's death.
Sincerely,
Sisters Mary Lou & Ruth Geraets*

Sr. Mary Lou Geraets - May 21, 2023 at 03:46 PM