



James C. Kennedy Jr.

January 7, 1934 - June 17, 2015

James Clifford Kennedy, Jr., 81, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the Laurie Care Center. He was born January 7, 1934, in Akron, Iowa, the son of the late James C. Kennedy, Sr. and Marguerite (Brown) Kennedy.

On August 11, 1956, in Akron, Iowa, he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart Janice (Robbins) Kennedy. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Gene David Kennedy of the home, Kim Marguerite Lopez and husband Jim of Dayton, Ohio, John Robert Kennedy and wife Jane of Pleasant Hill, Missouri and Kay Ellen Kessling and husband Bill of Metamora, Illinois; five granddaughters, two great grandchildren; a brother-in-law, David Blanchard of Minnetonka, Minnesota and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen Blanchard.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Army, beginning with ROTC at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, SD. He graduated from USD with a Bachelor of Science in 1957.

He was employed at Caterpillar Proving Ground and at Mossville as an engineer until his retirement, August 1, 1995.

Jim was a member of New Hope Lutheran Church LCMC in Laurie and Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie and the board of Cochurmin Homes. He freely gave of his time to his church and community.

Growing up, he spent his lake time at Lake Okoboji, Iowa with his parents and grandparents. While living at Lake of the Ozarks, he enjoyed boating and taking people for rides. He was a good boat driver for all of the waterskiing children. In their retirement years the Kennedys were blessed with good health for most of the time and were blessed by their friends and the love of their children and their families.

Funeral services with full military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Pastor Rick Bell officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Pastor Roger Kurtenbach will lead the graveside services and interment will be held at the Riverside Cemetery in Akron, Iowa at 3:00 p.m. on Monday. Memorial contributions are suggested to New Hope Lutheran Church LCMC.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

Riverside Cemetery
Akron, IA

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Kennedy family, we are so sorry to hear about Jim's going to meet our Lord. Jan, you & Jim were very friendly & nice to us during our membership at Faith Lutheran Church in Sunnyland. You both showed true Christianity in your lives. God's peace, love, and blessings to all of you now and in the weeks to come. Dave & Linda Kerler

Dave & Linda Kerler - June 23, 2015 at 10:16 AM

SF

My love and prayers to the Kennedy family

stanley field - June 24, 2015 at 11:03 AM

DE

“ Dale And Vicky Ehringer lit a candle in memory of James C. Kennedy Jr.



Dale and Vicky Ehringer - June 20, 2015 at 10:38 PM

CD

“ Jan, so sorry to hear of the loss of Jim. I recall so many good times with the two of you. I also recall our "battle" with the situation at St. Marks. Blessings and peace to you and the family.

Chuck Dixon

Chuck Dixon - June 20, 2015 at 09:41 AM

BM

“ I am deeply saddened to learn about Jim's death this morning. Though I am a stranger to you and your family, Jim was no stranger to anyone he ever met. His generous humor and willingness to pause for a moment for daily fellowship amongst the people he worked with was notable. I remember the years you ran down to the lake each weekend when the retirement home was coming together. We shared a lot of stories and he was a great person for that daily moral support one finds they need at times. Jim was a good friend, a great guy and a joy to know. My deepest sympathies to you all. Thanks for sharing you husband and father with me for those many years.

Bruce "Zeke" Miers

Bruce Miers - June 20, 2015 at 07:06 AM

CW

“ Dear Jan and family,
Wishing you comfort in the loss of Jim but rejoice that he is no longer in pain. You. Jim and your family have left many memories In and around the Peoria area as well as with my family. Our first dinner date with the miscommunication, the trip to Lake Okoboji, the 2 weeks you spent in our home waiting for an apartment (how nerve wracking was that?) and the Cat social functions we shared will always be remembered with appreciation of your kindness.

Charlie Weinrich

Charlie Weinrich - June 19, 2015 at 11:55 AM

RM

“ We met Jim and Jan in 1996 when we bought our house at the lake. He was very kind, helpful, and helpful neighbor. He was always there if you needed him and he loved keeping the grass mowed with his John Deere. He also mowed when the county would not do the roadway edges. Our deepest sympathy to Jan and the family.
Ron&Marilyn Mueller

Ron Mueller - June 19, 2015 at 08:52 AM

LT

“ Our deepest sympathies are with your family. Jim was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He will be greatly missed. Heaven welcomed him with open arms. He is safe and without pain with Jesus our savior.

Linda and Fred Tetley - June 19, 2015 at 08:44 AM

GF

“ Dear Janice and Family,
We are so sad to hear of Jim's passing. We remember so many great times with all of you. The family get-togethers when we were young and the family reunions as we grew older. Jim was always there for everyone. His dedication to his family was so obvious and we are sure it remains in your hearts.
Our prayers are with you all,
Love,
George, Jan and Family

George and Jan McGarry & Family - June 18, 2015 at 07:44 PM