



Mr. James Vincent Cegla

July 15, 1948 - October 4, 2019

CEGLA, JAMES "JIM" VINCENT

James "Jim" Vincent Cegla passed away peacefully on Oct. 4 following a brief battle with kidney cancer. Jim was born July 15, 1948, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Vincent and Julianne (Suchla) Cegla. He graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1966, and began his service in the United States Navy as a submariner on the U.S.S. Menhaden. In 1970, he married the love of his life, Diane Ericson, who was a 1968 graduate of St. Louis Park High School. After leaving the service, the pair settled in Crystal, Minnesota. For over 35 years, he worked for Custom Mold and Design in New Hope Minnesota, before his retirement in 2012.

Most important to Jim were his family and many good friends. He enjoyed spending time at his beloved cabin in Outing, Minnesota, and counts many of his neighbors there as his closest friends. He was a member of the Minnesota Astronomical Society and the Remote Control Flying Club. He was also a lifetime member of the VFW. Countless hobbies enriched his life, including golf, astronomy, photography, model airplanes, fishing, hunting, boating, being the life of the party, and telling dirty jokes whenever possible. He always felt rich in life and love, which spawned his famous saying, "I wonder what the

poor people are doing?”

Survivors include his wife Diane; his daughters Jaime (Dave) Hunt, Michelle (Scott) Rakos, and Teresa Cegla; his siblings Ray (Sharon), Daniel (Kathryn), Cheryl (Roger) Granning, and Gary (Missy); his sister-in-laws Judy Cegla, Debi Ericson, and Donna (Ken) Rumsch; his grandchildren Bradley, Blakely and Brooklyn Rakos, and Tanner Larson; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends. Jim is preceded by his parents, his parents-in-law Donald and Harriet Ericson, brother Robert, and brother-in-law Glenn Ericson.

The family expresses deep gratitude to Moments Hospice and Shalom Home for their professional, respectful and loving care shown to him through his final days.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson, 1400 Mainstreet in Hopkins, Minnesota 55343. A celebration of life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 at St. James Lutheran Church, 6700 46th Place N, Crystal, Minnesota 55428. Visitation with the family will be at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service. Information on the burial will be forthcoming.

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Hopkins Chapel 952-938-9020

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343
(952) 938-9020
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
6700 46th Place North
Crystal, MN 55428

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. James Vincent Cegla.*



October 10, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. James Vincent Cegla.*



October 09, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Custom Mold and Design purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Vincent Cegla.*



Custom Mold and Design - October 09, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Vincent Cegla.*



October 09, 2019 at 12:16 PM