



James Klipstein

January 19, 2018

Klipstein, James Jim passed away on January 19, 2018, at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas, NV and moved on to the Church Triumphant to be with his Lord. Jim was born in Mpls., MN, on September 25, 1936, to Walter and Leta Klipstein and was a resident of Las Vegas since 2003, where he moved to get away from the frigid MN winters. He is survived by his wife and soulmate Colleen of 42 years; children Kim (Thomas) Velner, Jill (Tim) Michels, and son Kurt (Penny) Klipstein. Also survived by stepdaughters; Catherine (Mitch) Klein, Linda (Mark) Hyland) and Mary Johnson. He was preceded in death by his brothers Walter, Paul, Duane and sister Beverly. Jim is survived by brothers Rollie and Neil; sisters Karen Graham and Rita Fryer, 10 Grandchildren and 22 Great Grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his beloved pups Chloe and Matilda, they will miss him so much. Jim and Colleen were married August 27, 1976, and together had six children. The first Grandchild Karly was born in February 1976 a few months before Jim and Colleen were married. All the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were considered ours together. The 22 great grandchildren live here in MN, South Carolina, Oregon, NV, and all the way over in Czech Republic. We had so many great holiday celebrations with all the kids, from our home, restaurants and, as they got older, a few times at a motel where they could use the pool, and one family would spend the night in the rented room. Jim was employed by Leef Brothers for over 40 years. His father, Walter, worked there when they still had horse and buggies. He served in the Army National

Guard from 1954-1959. He also held part time positions after retirement until his wife was ready to retire. One of his favorite part time jobs was driving bus for the Head Start Program. He enjoyed and loved interacting with the kids. Jim loved and enjoyed family, favorite TV shows, of which there were many, football and, of course, some gambling, as we did live in Las Vegas. He was known as a kind man with a warm smile, who will be remembered for his gentle presence by all who knew him well. Jim was a devoted member of Mountain View Presbyterian church for all of the 14+ years that we lived in Las Vegas, a devoted Christian and servant of his Lord. Memorial service to be held Tuesday January 13th at 11 AM at Washburn-McReavy Crystal Lake Chapel 3816 Penn Ave N. Minneapolis, MN 55412. Visitation half hour prior. Washburn-McReavy.com Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677