



James Ervin Randall

February 22, 1942 - October 20, 2023

James Ervin Randall passed away at home in Coon Rapids, Minnesota on October 20, 2023 with family by his side. Known as Jim by his loved ones, he was born on February 22, 1942 to Ervin and Gladys Randall in St. Cloud, Minnesota. There he was raised and graduated from St. Cloud Tech High School in 1960.

Jim was drafted into the Army in 1964 where he served as a mail carrier in Vietnam. Upon his discharge in January 1966 he landed a mechanical drafting position at the Onan Company in Fridley, Minnesota. In 1996 he left Onan and moved across the street to Medtronic until his retirement in 2009.

Jim is survived by his wife, Gretchen, of 53 years, and sons Eric (Heather), Matt (Heidi), daughter Stephanie Livingston (Adam), and grandsons Jacob and Alexander. Jim is preceded in death by his parents and adopted brother Greg.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather that loved to spend time in his workshop tinkering on woodworking projects and his classic car. He loved using his woodworking skills to create various pieces for friends and family.

Visitation will be Tuesday November 7th from 5-8 pm at Washburn-McReavy

Funeral Home in Coon Rapids, MN. Funeral Service will be held at 11am with a visitation at 10 am on Wednesday November 8th, at Peace Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, MN. Interment is at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Thursday November 9th at 10:30am.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church (Coon Rapids)
20 Northdale Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN

Church Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church (Coon Rapids)
20 Northdale Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall



“ I got to know Jim when I was the letter carrier on his route. Enjoyed our talks and shared love of woodworking. When I told him I was retiring Oct 2013 he asked if I'd like to meet 1st Monday of the month for breakfast. This tradition continued thru Aug 2023! I will miss his friendship... My sincere sympathy to his lovely wife Gretchen and their family.

James Hogan - November 08, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Ervin Randall.



November 05, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ervin Randall.



November 02, 2023 at 04:05 PM

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“ Jim was my older cousin, all grown-up while I was still a gangly teen-ager. I recall him well through those years, always a snappy (or snide) remark, and that was just 'Jim' :). I spent many a day at their home, adored his Mom, my Godmother. I'll never forget when Jim introduced us to his beautiful girlfriend Gretchen - whom I liked the second I met -- and came to love. Soon after Gretchen asked me - 'hey, how's your love life'. I was probably around 16. My answer was 'what love life'. Of course, that infectious laughter of hers followed. It was fun to watch Jim and Gretchen's family begin, and grow. It was great getting to see them quite a bit throughout the years, given distance and all our busy lives. Always so supportive. They were very important to my Mom and Dad (Milt & Pat) with Jim more like a son than a nephew to my Dad. They related, and got along so well. And Dad loved Gretchen too. Because of that nurtured relationship, I got in on more activities and events with everyone. Jim was a good man who lived a good life. I had great respect for him. So grateful for the cousins reunion last summer, to spend some time and see Jim as I'll always remember him. Wishing peace & healing to Gretchen, Eric, Matt, Stephanie, and all the family. Hang onto the beautiful life he shared with you, and the legacy of memories he left. God Bless. ~Kathy (Kraemer) Nyeggen

Kathleen F. Nyeggen - October 31, 2023 at 12:33 PM

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This is a beautiful tribute to Jim. ❤️

Bev Radaich - October 31, 2023 at 09:28 PM

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*Dear Gretchen and family,
We are thinking of you all during this time of grief. You are in our prayers. May God wrap His loving arms around you.
I have a beautiful wooden salad fork and spoon and a bookmark made by Jim. He was so talented and I will treasure them always.
God's blessings and Love from your cousins,
Kimberly, Kendall and Keely West*

Kimberly West - November 01, 2023 at 05:32 PM