



James W. "Jim" Riggs

May 27, 1936 - September 30, 2023

James W. "Jim" Riggs, 87, of Winchester passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at the Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. He was born May 27, 1936, in Casper, WY. Jim was the son of Richard R. Dick" and Margaret Trumble Riggs. Jim married Linda Sue Sparks, July 19, 1957, in Pittsfield.

Surviving is wife, Sue Riggs of Winchester; children, Becky (Les) Stevens of Jacksonville (grandsons, Matthew (Karen) Rueter (great granddaughters, Lanie and Mae Rueter) of Winchester and Curtis (Alaina) Rueter (great granddaughters, Jaidyn and Kynlee Rueter) of Woodson, Bill (Joyce) Riggs of Winchester, Sarah Burton of Jacksonville, and Sam (Gary) Isaacs of Pleasant Plains (grandson, Tyler (Megan) Isaacs, (great granddaughter, Harper Isaacs) of Monticello, granddaughter, Kristi (Colin) Slagle (great granddaughter, Ciana Slagle) of Woodson; and siblings, Ted (Donna) McDonald of Carl Junction, MO, and Eva Jo McLaughlin of Winchester. Preceding in death were parents, Dick, and Margaret Riggs; stepmother, Jessie Coultas Riggs; brother, John Jack Riggs; and sister, Betty Corson Darlington.

Jim was a member of the First Christian Church of South Jacksonville where he was baptized April 21, 2019. He was so proud to be apart of his grandson's baptism, more recently. Jim retired from the Alsey Refractories after 53 years of employment. He was a Shriner and a Mason.

Jim often went on vacations to different islands where he enjoyed scuba diving. He enjoyed trap shooting competitions and was known to be a great shot. Jim also enjoyed horseback riding, especially in Wyoming with his family.

He loved spending time at the cabin outside Alsey. He walked every day for exercise trying to get more miles than other family members. Hot, cold, rain or snow he was sure to get his walk in each day. His greatest joy was spending time with his family; especially the "Sunday Night Supper Club" where all his family gathered every Sunday for dinner.

A celebration of life gathering will be held Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, starting at 4:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in South Jacksonville with a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. Following the prayer service, the family invites you to enjoy fellowship with family and friends in the church where hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
2106 South Main Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Im so sorry about Uncle Jims passing. My love to all*

alan hunter - November 04, 2023 at 08:22 PM

PL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. He was a great man and will be greatly missed by all. Love and prayers, Muffet and Pat*

phebe Lashmet - October 04, 2023 at 08:48 PM

PP

“ *We are so sorry to read this. Jim was a very good friend of both of ours and we are sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the family. He was a great person. We will miss him.*

phebe Lashmet and pat - October 04, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of James W. "Jim" Riggs.*



October 04, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family. May all your memories help ease the loss 🙏❤️ Rick and Janet Roberts*

Janet Roberts - October 04, 2023 at 04:32 AM

LB

“ Aunt Sue, Becky, Bill, Sara, and Sam,
My heart is breaking . Uncle Jim was loved by everyone. I am so shocked and very sorry for your loss. Uncle Jim was such a wonderful man. I am so thankful for his faith. I know I will see him again in Heaven. I can still hear him calling me Gus every time he saw me.
Love hugs and prayers to you all!
Blessings,
Gus
Leslie McDonald Brand

Leslie McDonald Brand - October 03, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James W. "Jim" Riggs.

October 03, 2023 at 09:31 AM

GM

“ With sad hearts we learn of Jim's death. Our friendship with the Riggs family goes back to the "Wildcat" days at Winchester H.S. and then to always be in touch with Jim & Sue for the next "umpteen" years. Memories of the Weiner roast at the cabin just a few years ago. Son Patrick was with us and said we have to do this more often with Jim & Sue. WOW! We'll miss Jim Riggs, a good man.
George, Marilyn & Patrick Murphy

George/Marilyn Murphy - October 02, 2023 at 09:18 PM

CR

“ Sue, Becky, Bill, Sarah and Sam and families, I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He touched the lives of many thru the years. He was an amazing man and the kindest of souls. He definitely led a life to be celebrated! Thinking of you all and praying for peace, comfort and strength for all. Sending much love. Cherie Repp

Cherie Repp - October 02, 2023 at 07:18 AM

PS

“ Jim left a legacy of love and friendship. It was always a pleasure to be around him. He will missed by many. RIP Jim.

Patricia Sibons - October 01, 2023 at 11:23 PM



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