



James H. Keggs Jr.

January 4, 1943 - August 17, 2024

James H. Keggs Jr. 81, of Bourbonnais, passed to his heavenly home August 17th, 2024 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born the eldest son of James H. Keggs and Delphine Fucciolo in 1943, in Chicago II.

He graduated from St. Mel's High School and enlisted in The United States Marine Corps where he served from 1964-1967. Jim attained the rank of Sergeant E-5 and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged and enrolled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale under the GI Bill.

In 1968 he met and married the love of his life Sandra Kent in Kankakee at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Jim graduated from SIU with a degree in communications and moved back to Kankakee as Program Director for the Kankakee Cable Company. There he produced, directed, and edited local programming including "Boating, Safety and You" for the Illinois Department of Conservation which was widely used in Illinois the summer of 1972. Jim had several other sales and marketing positions but his favorite was as General Manager of Pacesetter Truck Caps and Accessories in Bradley until his retirement.

Jim had varied interests and hobbies, including photography, 3D printing and martial arts and Jim earned his black belt in Tang Soo Do in 1991 at the age of 48.

Jim was devoted to his family as a loving dad and Papa to his 5 grandchildren. He loved Disney trips, his family, friends, and cat Emme. Jim touched so many lives and was loved and respected by many. He loved dad

jokes, sitting on his deck, and was a proud dad, Papa and United States Marine.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents James and Delphine and a sweet sister-in-law Mary. Jim is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate Sandra, sons Darryl (April) and Jason (Victoria) Kegg, grandchildren Hannah, Noah (Kristin), Owen, Josie, and James, along with a brother Daniel (Barbara) Kegg and nieces Liz (Fred) Fischer and Courtney Kegg, a brother and sister-in-law Gael and Liana Kent as well as a sister and brother-in-law Kathy (Mike) Hebert, and a niece and nephew, as well as great nieces and nephews.

Jim is a member of St. George Church, has been cremated per his wishes and will be interred at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield Illinois. Per the wishes of the family, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Lung Association or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Memorial visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024 at St. George Catholic Church.

Inurnment will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
St. George, IL 60914

Graveside Service

AUG **27**. 2:00 PM.

Camp Butler National Cemetery
Springfield, IL

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I first met him when he was a salesman at Bergeron Toyota back in the 70's. Then when he became the store manager at Pacesetters until his retirement. Jim was a great man and a friend to anybody. I am sorry we lost time not getting together. I extend my condolences to wife Sandy and the rest of the family. Until we meet again, rest in peace Jim.

Jim Goodrich - August 25, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JD

“ Paul and I are sending our condolences! Jackie DeLong

Jacquelin DeLong - August 21, 2024 at 09:02 PM

JB

“ We're so very sorry for your loss and send our sincere condolences.
Sincerely,
John and Jean Raef Baxter

Jean Baxter - August 21, 2024 at 01:31 PM

CC

“ So sorry to read of Jim's passing. My sincere condolences. Hugs.
Carol

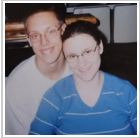
carol conrad - August 21, 2024 at 09:51 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hebert lit a candle in memory of James H. Kegg Jr.*



Kathy Hebert - August 19, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ *I'm truly lost for words hearing this news. He was a great man, friend, instructor, and so much more. Mr Jim Kegg and David Dersien were my first instructors when I started at the Bourbonnais park district program in 1993. After completing there I went on to starting training at the second studio with Mr Kegg and many other great members. It was always a pleasure running into him and talking. My condolences to the family, friends, and Soo Bahk Do family.*



Casey Raymond - August 19, 2024 at 09:17 PM

SL

“ Mr. Kegg was a very dedicated member with a huge heart and humor. His influence on the studios (Lemner’s Soo Bahk Do) growth was instrumental. He was one of the original instructors that started our connection with the Bourbonnais Park District self defense class and children’s park district class that introduced the art to our community thirty years ago.

His spirit was a leading force in our studio and his impact and care for other members set the standard of excellence.

I would see him on occasion and his energy was always positive.

His granddaughter began training also and when she was promoted Mr. Kegg and Sandi attended. It was a great honor to have them there and I shared a story about when Mr. Kegg’s group tested. It was the story of three sons taking over their father’s kingdom.

Its message basically was together they were stronger. Mr. Kegg created a special gift they presented to me from their group. The Arrows, which still hangs in my studio to this day.

To give one example of his dedication and fortitude, when he was preparing for his 2nd degree, he asked for some extra help. So I would meet him at a park near my house at 5:30 in the morning several times a week to train together before we went to work!

He will greatly be missed, but not forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.



Steven Lemner - August 19, 2024 at 08:56 PM

BF

“ Our deepest sympathies to Sandi and the entire Kegg family. Great memories sharing time with you, Jim, Jason, Vicky, Josie and James. Sending you love and our prayers.

Betty & Frank - August 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

NF

“ Deepest sympathy to Sandi, Daryl, Jason & family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. A great guy

Nita & Brian Fockle - August 19, 2024 at 07:53 PM

DL

“ By far, one of the greatest men I've had the pleasure to know. A prince of a man, humble, honest, honorable, and trustworthy beyond reproach.

Betty and I send our deepest sympathy to Sandi, Daryl, Jason and their families.

Rest in peace at the hands of the Lord my friend.

Dale Lambert - August 19, 2024 at 06:58 PM

AS

Oh My Goodness! I am so very sorry to hear this! My sincere condolences to the entire Kegg family!

Amy Schreffler-Fenton - August 19, 2024 at 07:04 PM

SM

Dear Sandi, Darryl and Jason. Our sincere condolences. I was blessed to have know Jim. What an absolutely fine man.

Steve and Carol Martini - August 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

PJ

Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time in your lives. Daryl, I wish we had met your Dad. He sounds like he was such an incredible man. Ira and I are here for you and April and will take care of things in Decatur.

*Our love and prayers,
Ira and Peggy*

Peggy Jones - August 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

ML

We are very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our sincere condolences to Sandi and the family. Such a wonderful person - we are lucky we had the opportunity to know him.

Bob and Mitzi St. Louis

Mitzi St. Louis - August 20, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BZ

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Sandi I will keep you and your family in my prayers. 🙏

Beth Zeedyk - August 21, 2024 at 07:41 PM