



James Phillip "Jinx" Kennedy

March 15, 1952 - March 24, 2025

James Phillip "Jinx" Kennedy, age 73, of Manteno passed away Monday, March 24, 2025 at Citadel of Kankakee. He was born March 15, 1952 in Evergreen Park, the son of James & Ruth (Lundberg) Kennedy.

James was a taxi driver and former Cook County employee. He was a college graduate. James was a guitarist and former band member of the Weeds. He was a caring father, fun loving, funny, a history buff, incredibly intelligent, and a great marketer. James loved baseball and was an avid Chicago White Sox fan.

Surviving are three children, Timothy (Susann) Kennedy, Kelly & Dalton Jackson, and Patrick Kennedy; two sisters, Kathleen Kennedy-McElligott and Kimberly Kennedy-Robbins & Eric Robbins; five brothers, Tom Kennedy, William (Sue) Kennedy, Dan (Lori) Kennedy, Jeff (Jean) Kennedy, and Dave (Bonnie) Kennedy; and four grandchildren, Nathan Loudon, Nicholas Kennedy, Maddison Jackson, and Brianna Jackson. James is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Kennedy; and one brother-in-law, MJ McElligott.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. memorial service on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Inurnment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ *At Grandmas Kennedy's House*



Bill Kennedy - April 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

MG

“ *Our last day spent with our Very Dear Friend Jim - Mar. 14, 2025
We took a jaunt to the Kankakee River, as we had enjoyed with him
on other occasions in the past.*



Melanie Gillis - April 01, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MG

Jim, Bill Graff and Melanie Gillis-Graff

Melanie Gillis - April 01, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TK

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Timothy Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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Timothy Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 09:07 PM

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Timothy Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 09:04 PM

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Tom Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 12:50 PM

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Tom Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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Tom Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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Bill Kennedy - March 29, 2025 at 08:58 AM

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Marilyn O'Shea - March 27, 2025 at 05:41 PM

SK

“ *This is Jim with his grandson Nicholas.*

*You won't be forgotten. We love you.
Timothy, Nicholas and Susann*



Susann Kennedy - March 26, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JS

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Jim Spanke - March 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KK

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Kimberly Kennedy-Robbins - March 25, 2025 at 05:50 PM

KK

“ As a kid, Jim being the oldest and me the youngest, I looked forward to getting to watch him play the guitar and sing with the Weeds at various venues. After all, he convinced me to play the drums (as bad as I was!). More recently, I grew to admire his incredible knowledge of history, his adoration for our Mother, and his humbled demeanor. God speed brother. Your loving sister, Kathy



Kathleen Kennedy - March 25, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JS

“ I was happy to read that Jynx was still a baseball fan. This picture was of the 1962 Hazel Crest Champion Athletics! Jinx is first row left, I am above him 2nd row left. I also recall him and Pat Shields and “Weeds”!!
Sorry for your loss.
God bless you Jimmy “Jynx” Kennedy!

Jin Spanke - March 25, 2025 at 04:46 PM