



James Vincent Kresl

April 2, 1952 - March 26, 2015

James V. Kresl, 62, of Kankakee, passed away Thursday (March 26, 2015) in the emergency room at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born April 2, 1952, in Streator, the son of Anton and Lucille Lowery Kresl. James married Candi Galeaz on Oct. 23, 1976, in Campus.

Mr. Kresl was owner of First Illinois Investments. He enjoyed coaching softball and baseball, golfing and watching sports. He was a member of the Kankakee Country Club and St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are his wife, of Kankakee; son, John "Jack" Kresl, of Chicago; daughters, Katy Kresl, of Kankakee, Ellen Kresl, of Chicago, and Alison Kresl, of Chicago; one sister, Judith (Luke) Phelan of Maumee OH; and a sister-in-law, Janet Kresl, of Dwight.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and one brother, Anton John Kresl.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee, with the Rev. Mario Quejadas officiating.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Hi Jim. Gary, I and Alex speak of you often. You were one of the truly pure people of the softball world. Gary has finally retired from travel and is just helping with TW, as am I. Alex is in her second year as the volunteer assistant at the University of Michigan and loves it. You would be so proud. I've messaged Ellen to see how your beautiful bride is and although they miss you dearly as most of us do (especially the texts) Candi is ok. I will try to take her and Katie out for a bite soon. Miss you. Tammi Lagesse, Gary and Alex.

Tamara Lagesse - December 17, 2016 at 07:43 PM

RJ

“ Oh, Jimmy. So many fond memories. You were the fun uncle I had growing up, the goof, the one that was never afraid of a little good mischief. You have always been blood, and your family always will be. There was never a dull moment, never an ill-timed word of advice, and not once did a smile or laugh evade you. Many times, you were the father I always wished I had, the Uncle I never was given, or the cousin that always had the right thing to say or do when it mattered most. My grandmother loved you as her own, my mother looked upon you as her brother sent from God to replace her brother Skip when he, too, was taken too soon into the gentle arms of Eden.

You will me missed, but as sure as I sit here I know you and my mom are up there right now having a good laugh and causing some good trouble in the heavens.

Rest well, old friend. After all you have given this world and the ones you love, you've earned it.

With Love Always,
Ray "Skip" Demko, Jr.

Ray "Skip" Demko, Jr. - April 03, 2015 at 02:39 PM

TZ

“ Candi-- so sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless you and your family-- Jim was a good man Tom Zwetschke

Tom Zwetschke - April 02, 2015 at 08:16 AM

WA

“ Candi and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We will always remember the softball days with Jim and your Family.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!
Walt and Kathy
Andrews

Walt Andrews - March 30, 2015 at 06:38 PM

SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family . Steve and Bronia Rewerts

Stevn Rewerts - March 30, 2015 at 02:05 PM

WD

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. We are so very sorry. Please feel free to call us if you need anything!

Wayne and Julie Dunham

Wayne Dunham - March 30, 2015 at 12:58 PM



KS

“ Candi, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Though I saw little of Jim all these years I'll remember his smile and what a wonderful husband and father he was. You are blessed to have experienced such love.
Hugs, Kris



Kris Shine - March 29, 2015 at 04:57 PM

FH

“ Candi and kids we are so sorry about Jim we always called him the smartest man in baseball. Frank and the boys learned so much from him. The boys had so much respect for him Prayers your way,heaven got a new angel to watch over you.

frank and denise hasik - March 29, 2015 at 04:18 PM

GD

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Candi and your family.
Greg and Linda Durbin

Greg and Linda Durbin - March 29, 2015 at 10:16 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear this news! Our Class of 70 lost another good one! Jim was always a special guy! Our prayers and sympathies to the Kresl families! Bev and Bob Parker

Bev Parker - March 28, 2015 at 05:51 PM

BM

“ *Candi*
We are sorry to here about your husband Jim passing away so suddenly. We want to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you peace.
Bill & Lois Maguire

Bill Maguire - March 28, 2015 at 05:50 PM

PR

“ *Judy and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing . Great memories of trips to Puerto Rico*
Jim's club championship years and his key roll in the club renovation. Our condolences to Candi and the kids . May he rest in peace.

Paul & Judy Reinking

Paul Reinking - March 28, 2015 at 01:49 PM

RR

“ *Jim was always a great classmate and friend. He made me laugh. He was an wonderful basketball player and never took anything too seriously. He will be missed.*

Ric Riccolo - March 28, 2015 at 01:35 PM

AS

“ *I'll never forget all the great times we had together growing up always had a way about him that made you laugh may his soul RIP*
prayers go out to his family



Arnie Spandet - March 28, 2015 at 01:20 PM

LV

“ *Kresl Family,
We are so very sorry. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and
prayers.
Mike and Laura Vigna*

Laura Vigna - March 28, 2015 at 01:19 PM

LZ

“ *Candi and Family, We send our sympathy to
you and yours. I remember Jim as a DTHS
fellow classmate! He always made us laugh!!
xoxo Linda (Brewick) Zdancewicz*



Linda (Brewick) Zdancewicz - March 28, 2015 at 06:07 AM

 Diane
Sorensen

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories from Aunt
Ann`s with Jim. I am sure she was waiting with open arms to greet
him. RIP Jim
Diane Wilson Sorensen*

Diane Sorensen - March 27, 2015 at 08:12 PM

CG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a nice guy and
helped me with my investments many times. I will miss him and his
guidance.*

Craig Gocken, Watseka

Craig Gocken - March 27, 2015 at 06:00 PM

AM

“ *My thoughts and prayers for you and your family. So sorry for your loss.*

Abby (and Patrick) McMillin

Abigael McMillin - March 27, 2015 at 05:35 PM

GS

“ *I am so sorry to hear this sad sad news. Jim has always had a special place in my heart and was a very good friend to me always. Candi words cannot express my sympathy for you and your kids if there is anything I can do please let me know. May Jim rest in peace and all the wonderful memories stay you all. Love Hanna*

Gayle Smith - March 27, 2015 at 04:37 PM

LT

“ *Keeping all of you in our prayers, God bless The Turrells, Steve, Lisa, Chad, Andrew*

Lisa Turrell - March 27, 2015 at 03:34 PM

HO

“ *We were very sad to hear about your loss. God Bless your family.*

Debbie, Steve Allison and Max Hoey

Hoeyes - March 27, 2015 at 03:09 PM

MK

“ *God Bless Jim, ALWAYS! All our LOVE to each of you! Katy.....God Bless YOU!
Love, Monica, Brian, and Adam Karneboge*

Monica Karneboge - March 27, 2015 at 12:35 PM

JB

“ No better Man will be found anywhere, the Heavens have received a new Angel. RIP my Brother, my condolences to Candi and the kids, may the Peace of God help you through this of toughest times.

John Bessette - March 27, 2015 at 11:07 AM

DF

“ Dean & I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family for the strength and faith you need at this difficult time. Love, Dean & Amy Hansen

dean hansen family - March 27, 2015 at 11:02 AM

JG

My sincere and deepest sympathy to you Candi and your children on Jim's passing. May God bless you at this difficult time.

Jack Graveline - March 27, 2015 at 03:20 PM

AW

Candi - Dawn and I would like to express our profound sympathy for you and the kids at Jim's passing. Through the difficult days and nights ahead know that Jim was so well thought of by all that knew him.

Alan N. Webber - March 27, 2015 at 05:28 PM

BZ

Candi and Family, On behalf of everyone from the Indiana Slammers organization, I want to offer our deepest sympathy. Through the years, Jim and I built a friendship that I will always cherish and his contributions to the Slammers is greatly appreciated by all. I will miss our marathon softball phone conversations. God Bless You!

Bob Zivic - March 28, 2015 at 07:34 AM

DW

Deepest sympathies to Jim's wife and his entire family. His enthusiasm and support for the game of softball left a lasting impression on those of us who met him.

Dave Wilson - Indiana Slammers Softball

David H Wilson - March 28, 2015 at 08:19 AM

FS

Candi... We were shocked and deeply saddened by the news of Jim's passing. He was a life long friend who I was looking forward to reconnecting with in retirement. He will be missed by so many. He was one of a kind. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your beautiful family.

Fred & Dee Dee Spandet

Fred & Dee Dee Spandet - March 28, 2015 at 09:47 AM

KG

Candi, there are no words to say how sad this time is for you and your family. Ours prayers go out to you and the kids. You all have a Special Angel watching over you. Bless you all.

karen guest - March 29, 2015 at 08:45 AM

BF

Candi & family, so very sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Praying for Jim, you & family. I will forever remember the grin Jim always had!

bonnie Riccolo Frawley - March 29, 2015 at 11:38 AM

DT

Candi our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pat and Don Trudeau

Donald Trudeau - March 29, 2015 at 01:43 PM

MO

Candi, I am so sorry... 'Thinking of you and the kids. Every memory of Jim is a good one. Love to you and the whole Family.

Mike Olson

Mike Olson - March 29, 2015 at 07:38 PM

GK

Candi, Alison and family - We are so very sorry to hear of the death of your loving husband and father. He was one of our favorites of all the Bradley Braves Softball Parents we met during Kate and Alison's time. Such a kind man with a great sense of humor and softball knowledge. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Geri & Tony Kegley

Geri Kegley - March 30, 2015 at 10:29 AM

RN

Candi, Katy, Ellen, Alison & family -- Judi and I were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing this AM. As you know Jim and I shared a deep passion and love for softball. Lots of great memories! He was one of the "good guys" and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rick & Judi Nelson

Rick Nelson - March 30, 2015 at 11:19 AM