



James R. Riedel

March 9, 1945 - April 17, 2019

James R. "Beets" Riedel, age 74, of Calumet Park, passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at in Rosemont.

He was born March 9, 1945 in Chicago, the son of Raymond & Eleanore Sandman Riedel.

James received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was a member of the University of Illinois Alumni. James was a longtime member of the Calumet Park Recreation Center and was also a member of the American Legion.

James was an accountant at Randa Accessories for 42 years. He also served at the Calumet Park City Treasurer for 35 years, before retiring in 2008.

He enjoyed playing cards, golfing, and a good cigar. Growing up, he enjoyed playing baseball. Most of all, James enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert R. & Melissa D. Riedel of Findlay, OH, Jim & Kim Riedel of Bourbonnais, and Jason & Devona Bithos of Zionsville, IN; one daughter and son-in-law, Vicki & William Walver of Watseka; nine grandchildren, Briston, Darrian, Adam, Carter, Gabe, Dawson, Nicholas, Sam, and Nathan; his mother, Eleanore Riedel of Peoria; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dave & Harriet Riedel of Flanders, NJ and Tom & Joyce Riedel of Naples, FL; one sister and brother-in-law, Marianne & Shelley Epstein of Peoria; several nieces and nephews; and his former wife, Kimberly Bithos of Watseka.

He is preceded in death by his father; one nephew, David Riedel; and one

niece, Jamie Epstein.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Military rights will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the visitation.

Memorials may be made to Eden Autism Foundation; 2 Merwick Road, Princeton, NJ 08540.

<https://edenautism.org/give-to-eden/>

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dear Family,
My brother Tom shared the good times had with Jimmy "Beets" playing cards and recalling the good old days had in Calumet Park. Although Mother and I could not attend today's ceremony, please accept our sympathy on the loss of James. May the angels welcome him into his peaceful resting place. Prayers accompany our sympathy.
God bless your family,
Mrs. Sophie Lorent and Christine

Chris - April 26, 2019 at 08:04 PM

CC

“ Christine Callahan-Ortiz lit a candle in memory of James R. Riedel



Christine Callahan-Ortiz - April 26, 2019 at 05:09 PM

CC

It was so great working with Jim, such a nice guy! He will be greatly missed.

Christine Callahan-Ortiz - April 26, 2019 at 05:11 PM

BH

“ Belinda Harris lit a candle in memory of James R. Riedel



Belinda Harris - April 26, 2019 at 12:47 PM

BH

“ J.R. was one of a kind. Loved by all who knew him. Showed kindness beyond measure. True friend to many. I'm sad to hear of his passing. As time marches on I will remember him this way and smile.

Belinda Harris - April 26, 2019 at 12:46 PM

SA

“ I worked with Jim at Humphrey's/ Randa for many years. He always had a smile on his face! So sorry to hear that he passed away.



suzanne anderson - April 26, 2019 at 12:20 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Santiago lit a candle in memory of James R. Riedel



Evelyn Santiago - April 26, 2019 at 12:11 PM

ES

“ Sending my deepest sympathy. I worked with Jim for over 43 years, I am so saddened by the loss of our friend. I will truly miss our phone conversations. He always made me laugh! What a great person he was.
Evelyn Santiago

Evelyn Santiago - April 26, 2019 at 12:10 PM

KS

“ I love my cousins Dave, Jim, Tom & Maryanne. I remember spending New Years at their house every year so Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Ray could go out and celebrate. The boys watched college football on the one TV in the house, so Maryanne & I read Archie comic books or sang along to Beatle albums. I truly loved spending time with them because I felt like one of the gang. I corresponded with Jim during the time he served in the Navy and loved getting his letters in the mail.



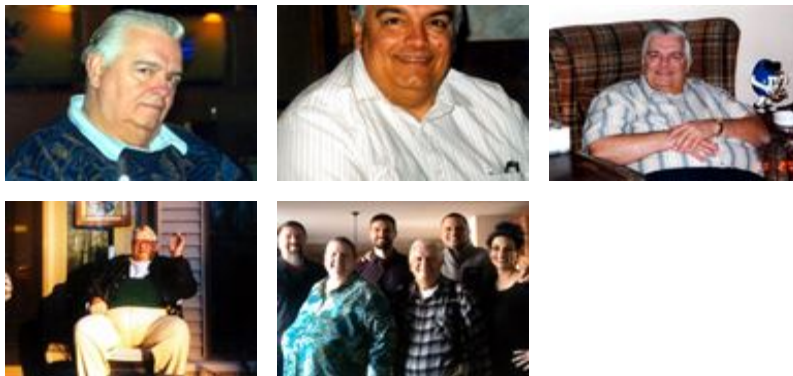
I am so sad he is not with us anymore and will truly miss him. I wish I could be there with you today. My love and prayers are with you all.

Kathy Kelly Schaefer

Kathy Kelly Schaefer - April 25, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM

JR

“ Thank you to everyone that has shared sympathy, lit a candle or provided a gift. Dad would appreciate knowing that you all reached out. - Jim

JP Riedel - April 24, 2019 at 09:18 PM

SA

I remember your dad sweet man we r trying to read tom Martin's obituary pls help ty sandy 806-790-6479

Sandy - May 24, 2024 at 12:20 AM

MH

“ Monica Hernandez lit a candle in memory of James R. Riedel



Monica Hernandez - April 24, 2019 at 03:03 PM

AH

“ Sending our deep sympathies on your loss - from all Jim's friends north of the border from Randa Canada . He was an wonderful person and will be missed.

Anna Heron - April 24, 2019 at 09:48 AM

JR

Thank you Anna. He will be missed for sure.

JP Riedel - April 24, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ *Kosher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of James R. Riedel.*



April 24, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Donna Clark lit a candle in memory of James R. Riedel*



Donna Clark - April 22, 2019 at 11:43 AM



Jr will be greatly missed, Rest in peace my friend,

Donna Clark - April 22, 2019 at 11:44 AM



Thank you, I'm sure he would appreciate the kind words.

JP Riedel - April 22, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of James R. Riedel.*



April 19, 2019 at 07:58 PM