



## James Patsios

January 29, 1930 - May 25, 2011

James D. "Jim" Patsios, 81 of Kearney died Wednesday evening, May 25, 2011 at the Veterans Affairs Hospice in Grand Island. Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Kearney. Father Christopher Morris and Father Philip Vreeland will officiate and burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Military rites at graveside will be provided by Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard in conjunction with the Kearney American Legion Post #52, Kearney V.F.W. Post #759. Visitation will be 5-7pm Tuesday at O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney with a Trisaigon prayer service to follow at 7pm. Memorials are suggested to the church or to donor's choice for any area youth sport programs. Online condolences can be submitted to [osafh.com](http://osafh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born on January 29, 1930 in Kearney to Dionysius "Don" and Elvia "Helen" (Cover) Patsios. He was a 1949 graduate of Kearney High School. He served in the Air Force from 1951-55 during the Korean War. After his military discharge, he went on to receive his BA degree in Physical Education at Kearney State College. Jim was married to Arlene Volgamore at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Island on November 14, 1958. They made their home in Kearney. He owned Nick Vaughn's Café (Bico's) from 1959-64. Later he owned Jim's Fine Foods (formerly Foote's Cafe) from 1980-84. During this time, he was an independent insurance agent for over 45 years. After his retirement he was a driver for the RYDE bus in Kearney. He

was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Island and the American Legion Post 52 in Kearney. He was an avid sports fan. Jim coached 19 years many years teams with the Kearney Little League baseball program. He loved watching his grandchildren during their sport's competitions. Hobbies included gardening and collecting coins. He loved to travel with his wife and cook for his family and friends. Survivors include his wife of Kearney, sons, Matthew of Phillips and Patric and wife, Linda of Kearney, daughter, Paula Diaz Dulanto and husband, Luis of Lima, Peru, 4 grandchildren, Trevor, McKenna, Athena and Alexa. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Patsios*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *We were so sorry we were unable to come to the funeral because of the floods. Our thoughts and prayers were with Arlene and the family. We were so blessed to be able to see the memorial service and funeral on internet video. They were beautiful services and our fond memories of Jim and all the wonderful tributes to him were most comforting. We were tearful as we watched but our hearts were there with the family and the wonderful memories of Jim. He was a special friend and a wonderful guy. I remember him in the hospital in Omaha telling Arlene and I to go eat and have a good time together. Always thinking of the other person as was so fitting of his life. He had many friends there at the hospital who gave him loving care. He was a good friend so therefore many cared deeply about him. He left a wonderful legacy for his family and all of us. We love you Jim and may your rewards be many.*

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**Roger & Elaine Magstadt** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Dear Arlene, Neil and I have been in Mexico and just got back. While catching up on the newspapers we were sorry to read that Nick died and then Jim was taken. Our deepest sympathy to you during this very sad time. May God be with you and give you strength to cope with this double loss. Again, you have our sincere sympathy.*

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**Beth & Neil Jochen** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

JR

“ *Arelen and family, I was blessed to have Jim as part of my life. He was a man with an easy wit and sense of humor. He was kind and generous, and made each person he met feel like they were the most important person in the world. He touched so many lives and made a huge difference in people’s lives as a RYDE driver. I will miss his smile and his stories. My condolences to you in this time.*

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**Jeffrey & Christine Rumery** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GB

“ *Jim will sorely be missed he was one of greatest guys you could ever meet. I am truly blessed that he and Arlene came into my life and enjoyed getting to know them a great deal. Please accept my deepest condolences and know that you are in thoughts and prayers.*

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**Gary Bush** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

TR

“ *My condolences to the family of Jim. I enjoyed working with him at RYDE, he always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.*

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**Tava Roach** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

BS

“ *Arlene, Buds, Pat & Linda & Trevor & MaKenna, Paula & Lucho & Alexa & Athena - Our hearts break for you all! It was so incredibly easy to Love Jim, it just came natural! He was one of the kindest people in the world! His memory will forever be with us & I hope those wonderful memories will give you all the strength to get through the next few days! Hold on to those memories & to each other & remember that we will always be here for you all! All our Love & Sympathy! Brad & Deb & Steph & Phil*

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**Brad & Deb Schrack** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MK

“ Dear Trevor, McKenna, Athena and Alexa - we are so sorry for the loss of your grandpa Jim and I know you will miss him so much. How blessed you each were to have so many happy memories spending time with him and always with a big smile. You each brought joy to his heart and I know how proud he was of each of you. God Bless You

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**Mark and Joanie Klein** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

MK

“ Dear Aunt Arlene, Matthew, Patric, Paula and family - we are so sorry for your loss. We know how difficult these past few weeks have been for you and your families. I close my eyes, I can see my dad's face in Heaven as he greets Uncle Jim saying, "Hello Brother". Our love to you all.

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**Mark and Joanie Klein** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM