



James "Jim" Ryan

June 6, 1949 - January 20, 2022

James "Jim" Ryan , 72 of Kearney passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022 at his home surrounded by family. Funeral Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney followed by a 7:00 p.m. Vigil/Prayer Service. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Catholic Church to be used for future garden and landscaping projects. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

One of eleven children, James Ryan was born June 6, 1949 in Colby, Kansas to H.L. and Ethel (Bailey) Ryan. He attended school in Atwood, KS and later at St. Joseph's Military Academy where he was a State Champion wrestler. Jim also attended Fort Hays State College. On January 18, 1977, he was united in marriage to Lois Bielser in Colby, KS. To this union two children were blessed. Jim worked and managed many grain elevators and COOPs across Kansas. In 2004, Jim and Lois moved to Kearney where he worked as a driver for Cashwa Distributing.

Jim was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church and served as a past

Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lois Ryan of Kearney; daughters Amy (Andrew) Prochaska and Whitney Ryan and significant other, Antoine Young of Kearney; grandchildren, Brady, Grace, Josie, Laney Prochaska; siblings, Margaret (Don) Spangler of Kearney, Rosie (Jerome) Schell of Sterling, CO, Mary Kay Woydziak of Hoisington, KS, Larry (Linda) Ryan of Gem, KS, Bill (Kathy) Ryan of Colby, KS, Terry Ryan of Wichita, KS, Betty (Jon) Gaines of Overbrook, KS, Donnie Ryan of Peoria, AZ and Jerry (Terri) Ryan of Russell, KS; sister-in-law Patricia Ryan Marcy of Oakley, KS; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom Ryan; and his brother-in-law, Jim Woydziak.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
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Vigil / Prayer Service

JAN **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Ryan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I remember when we were young. Jim had stopped the car in the country when he spotted some pheasants in a tree line. He got out and shot them but accidentally shot the camero also. Of course, I was in the car at the time. Glad I had the window closed. He had that 10 x 10 vision and could spot a coyote from miles away. I am so sorry for your loss. May God Bless the Ryan family. Jane (Andregg) Ryan.*

jane andregg ryan - January 26, 2022 at 01:14 PM



Thank you for sharing. I agree his vision was incredible!

Amy Prochaska - March 04, 2022 at 12:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ryan.*



January 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ryan.*



January 23, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ryan.*



January 23, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Charlie and I will never forget the fun times we had at the Farm. Jim always had a good joke and was always ready to go get some birds. We will miss him. He was always willing to give me a good tip playing cards. Sheila and Charlie Maddox*

Sheila Maddox - January 23, 2022 at 02:34 PM



Thank you both for your kind words. Means a lot to hear them.

Amy Prochaska - March 04, 2022 at 12:24 AM

DR

“ Dave & Tracy Ryan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Ryan.



Dave & Tracy Ryan - January 23, 2022 at 01:16 AM

JC

“ Muchas gracias Jim for being a role model. You were a senior at SJMA when I was a Freshman. You had outstanding people skills, athletic and sportsmanship discipline. I was lucky to be there when you proudly became an undefeated state wrestling champ. Cheering along with your family and enjoying the excitement on your mom at the side line was awesome. Of course, many young men wanted to be like you, and although we didn't go that far, you definitely led the way. May God have you in his Glory.

Juan Jose Colegial - January 22, 2022 at 05:00 PM

AP

This is exactly what I needed to hear. This celebrates Dad in such a wonderful way.

Amy Prochaska - March 04, 2022 at 12:25 AM

ME

“ While i have never had the pleasure to meet you, i feel i know what a wonderful man you are by way of your loving Brother, Terry! He shared many stories about you and your Siblings! RIP Matt Eck

Matt Eck - January 22, 2022 at 10:28 AM

DR

“ Memories of all the hunting we did and amazed at his talent of seeing what we were hunting for when no one else saw it.

Donnie Ryan - January 22, 2022 at 06:37 AM

JH

Ryan family: Lois, daughters, Ryan brothers and sisters. We send our sincere condolences to Lois and all the Ryan family. I have special memories of Jim. In the 60s he would come to our house and take me Pheasant hunting many times. We also pleyed baseball in front of the White garage East of thir house. On Summer nights we played till dark. A. J. & H.L. Sat on the East porch watching us play and talked about the farming business. Unusually every nigjt after playing ball, we ended the night sitting on the floor in yhe back room, eating ice cream, until we nearly bloated!! I have many, many fond memories of Jim, Tom,Larry, Bill, Terry,Donnie, Jerry as well as all of the Ryan family!!! May Jim rest in peace!! James,Suyin,Alex,Christian &Robert Henningsen of Port Charlotte, Fl. 913-220-0092

James Henningsen - January 23, 2022 at 08:49 AM