



James "Jim" Stepping

July 13, 1938 - October 17, 2020

Jim Stepping, 82 of Pana, Illinois died Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Pana Community Hospital. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 22 from 4-6 PM in the Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will be held Friday, October 23 at 10 AM in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana with burial following in Calvary Cemetery Pana.

Carl James Stepping was born July 13, 1938 in Pana the son of Carl and Margaret (Stauder) Stepping. He was raised in Pana having attended Sacred Heart School and Pana High School where he graduated with the Class of 1956. Immediately following high school, Jim served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. Jim married Marilyn "Mitzi" Gruber on June 25, 1960 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Jim was previously employed with Jim Dagon Clothiers, Mallory Timers, and National Greenhouse Manufacturing, where he served as Vice President. Jim subsequently became Office Manager to Pana Medical Group until his retirement in 2018. Jim was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Pana Knights of Columbus, Pana Elks, and the Pana Country Club and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan to the end. He enjoyed attending all his grandchildren's sporting activities.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mitzi of Pana, his daughter, Mary Ludolph and husband Doug of Springfield, his grandchildren, Sophie, Vance, Jack, Dean and Ty Ludolph, and many nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death

by his parents and his only brother Joe who died in 2009.

Memorials may be made to Pana St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Pana Community Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery, Pana

2207 W Rt 16
Pana, IL 62557

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kennedy & Sons, Funeral Directors
401 S. Locust Street
Pana, IL 62557
(217) 562-3959
info@kennedypana.net
<https://www.kennedypana.net>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
301 S Locust Street
Pana, IL

Tribute Wall



“ <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1097117>

Dave Kennedy - October 26, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Cathy and Rich Koontz*



Cathleen Koontz - October 23, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Jane Burris DeSpain*



jane DeSpain - October 22, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ *Marie Warren lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Marie Warren - October 22, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JM

“ Jim And Linda McNeely lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Jim and Linda McNeely - October 22, 2020 at 11:52 AM

LH

“ Lori Holthaus lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Lori Holthaus - October 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

BJ

“ Bill & Judy lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Bill & Judy - October 22, 2020 at 09:45 AM

MS

“ Mitzi: I was so sorry to hear about the death of Jim. You and Jim were always so kind to our family and especially my mom and dad and it was very much appreciated. I am disappointed that I will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral. Please accept my sympathy to you and Mary. Mike Schmitz

Michael Schmitz - October 21, 2020 at 09:14 PM

KF

“ Kay Fikan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Kay Fikan - October 21, 2020 at 05:27 PM

WD

“ Wes & Rhonda Drockton lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Wes & Rhonda Drockton - October 21, 2020 at 05:20 PM

PO

“ Penny Osborn lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Penny Osborn - October 21, 2020 at 04:02 PM

BH

“ Mitzi, Mary and the extended Stepping Family...please accept my heartfelt condolences. Jim was a great guy and will forever be remembered by his great family and many friends. I will certainly miss him calling me "Beanbag" whenever we saw one another. I wish you all comfort and peace and this difficult time...



Brad Hill - October 21, 2020 at 01:09 PM

ES

“ I liked Jim...he was just a fun guy. My deepest sympathy to Mitzi and family. Ed Schloz, Belleville, Illinois



Edward Schloz - October 21, 2020 at 11:39 AM

HJ

“ Ralph & Heidi Jones



Heidi Jones - October 21, 2020 at 09:17 AM

CC

“ We were so sad to learn of Jim's passing. He was a great guy. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers,

Chris & Jerry Cothorn



Chris & Jerry Cothorn - October 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

CF

“ Carrie Nuzbach And Family lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Carrie Nuzbach and family - October 20, 2020 at 10:02 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Jennie Jones



Steve & Jennie Jones - October 20, 2020 at 09:44 PM

LR

“ Mitzi, Mary & Family..Thinking of you sending hugs, along with prayers. So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Such a wonderful man. Larry and Cindy (Mizeur) Rakers



Larry and Cindy Rakers - October 20, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BO

“ Brian And Gina Osborn lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Brian and Gina Osborn - October 20, 2020 at 04:02 PM

JE

“ Mitzi, Mary and family John & I are so sorry to hear about Jim. He was such a sweet and wonderful man....a true gentleman.



John & Cindy Emerick - October 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM



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



October 20, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Pat And Joann Kain lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Pat and Joann Kain - October 20, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Jim was a good guy. At our PHS class get-togethers we remembered Mr. Kemp's chemistry class and discussed the formula for a good Manhattan (which we did not learn in chemistry. Our sympathy to Mitzi and family. D.G. & Rita Schumacher*

D.G. Schumacher - October 20, 2020 at 05:08 AM



“ *Ron & Brenda Sims lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Ron & Brenda Sims - October 19, 2020 at 09:41 PM

SS

“ Scott Sims lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Scott Sims - October 19, 2020 at 09:40 PM

FK

“ Deepest Sympathy, Mitzi and Family.



Frank and Lola Karbach - October 19, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AM

“ Alice Mickey lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Alice Mickey - October 19, 2020 at 08:16 PM

SS

“ Stephen Schmitz lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



stephen schmitz - October 19, 2020 at 07:10 PM

ED

“ Eileen. Dudra lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Eileen. Dudra - October 19, 2020 at 05:40 PM

AW

“ AJ & Sandie Wiss lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



AJ & Sandie Wiss - October 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM

SP

“ Sandy Pauley lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Sandy Pauley - October 19, 2020 at 04:21 PM

KS

“ Sending Mitzi, Mary and the entire family my deepest sympathies. Jim was a wonderful man, and a good friend to my family.



Kenna Dudra Saadeh - October 19, 2020 at 03:51 PM

BE

“ Belle lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Belle - October 19, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JS

“ To the family of Jim Stepping, so very sorry for your loss. Jim always made us feel so welcome on our trips to Pana. Far to many memories to list here, but all were warm and usually humorous! I was fortunate to know him and proud to call him my friend. God bless you all. John Wayne and Deb Sumpter



John Wayne and Deb Sumpter - October 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JH

“ Jim Harbert lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Jim Harbert - October 19, 2020 at 03:11 PM

LC

“ Larry & Candy Craig lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Larry & Candy Craig - October 19, 2020 at 02:59 PM

MR

“ On behalf of the Hadowsky Family to the Stepping Family, please accept our prayers and deepest condolences.



Mary Hadowsky Rhodes - October 19, 2020 at 02:48 PM

TP

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers!
Kurt & Teresa Pollman & Family



Teresa Pollman - October 19, 2020 at 02:23 PM

MT

“ Mary Lynn Ermovick Tree lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Mary Lynn Ermovick Tree - October 19, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MK

“ Mary Kimmel lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Mary Kimmel - October 19, 2020 at 01:10 PM

KS

“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers

Karyn Stalets - October 19, 2020 at 12:33 PM

KF

“ Kathleen Flesch lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Kathleen Flesch - October 19, 2020 at 12:25 PM

RP

“ Robin Pickett lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Robin Pickett - October 19, 2020 at 11:55 AM

GF

“ Greg & Chris French lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Greg & Chris French - October 19, 2020 at 11:22 AM

GF

Hugs and Prayers to Mitzi, Mary and all the family.

Greg & Chris French - October 19, 2020 at 11:23 AM

DJ

“ Sending condolences for Mitzi and Family. 🙏



Dan & Candy Jones - October 19, 2020 at 11:18 AM

BG

“ Sorry for your loss. Bill & Georgette Merrifield



Bill & Georgette - October 19, 2020 at 10:51 AM

ND

“ Nelson And Marlene Dial lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Nelson and Marlene dial - October 19, 2020 at 10:49 AM

PS

“ Pete & Diane Scherzer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Pete & Diane Scherzer - October 19, 2020 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ *Michael Havrilka lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Michael Havrilka - October 19, 2020 at 10:33 AM

CS

“ *Carol Schramm lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Carol Schramm - October 19, 2020 at 10:17 AM

CS

My sincere condolences to Mitzi, Mary, and all family members of Jim. I have nothing but positive, beautiful, and funny memories of Jim. He was definitely in the St. Louis Cardinals dugout as we exchanged comments about his Cardinals and my Cubs. He and Mitzi were such strong supporters of the Pana Booster Club (they were officers) while Mary was in high school. Jim was just a terrific guy and I am so Blessed to have known him for so many years. Prayers of comfort and strength especially for Mitzi and Mary. May Our Precious Lord and Savior hold you in His Loving Arms especially during this difficult time.

Carol Schramm - October 19, 2020 at 10:23 AM

BE

“ *Sympathy to the family.*



Bill Holthaus and Evelyn - October 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DZ

“ Don & Wendy Zuber lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Don & Wendy Zuber - October 19, 2020 at 09:56 AM

JJ

“ Jim And Pat Jensen lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Jim and Pat Jensen - October 19, 2020 at 09:30 AM

NW

“ Sincere sympathy to Mitzie, Mary and family.

Norita Willson



Norita Willson - October 19, 2020 at 09:23 AM

VE

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. RIP Jim He was a great guy and always had a smile on his face. Prayers and Sympathy for the family 🙏💕👼

Vickie Ellenberg - October 19, 2020 at 09:11 AM

BH

“ Jim was a special guy. We are sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to Mitzi and Mary and family!



Brian and Janice Hrabak - October 19, 2020 at 08:25 AM

RS

“ Jim was such a special guy! Loved spending time visiting with him and the stories he told me of his Mallory days working with my dad. His family was his everything, and he was so proud of all of you! Heaven gained a very special angel, and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Praying for all of you.



Ron and Jodi Smith - October 19, 2020 at 07:39 AM

RD

“ Aww, Jim Stepping ... a nice guy in every sense of the word; dependable, honest, helpful ...the total good guy. Hugs and prayers to Mitzi and Mary and the family.



Rhoda Dudra - October 19, 2020 at 07:39 AM

GC

“ One in a million for sure. My condolences and love to Mitzi, Mary and family



Georgia Culumber - October 19, 2020 at 01:07 AM

LM

“ Larry & Cindy Mizeur-Rakers lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Larry & Cindy Mizeur-Rakers - October 19, 2020 at 12:39 AM

MC

“ Marcia Cantrell lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Marcia Cantrell - October 18, 2020 at 11:20 PM

MH

“ Marsha Hrabak lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Marsha Hrabak - October 18, 2020 at 11:00 PM

VO

“ Vickie O'Block lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Vickie O'Block - October 18, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MM

“ Mary I am so very sorry to hear about your dads passing. He was always kind and friendly whenever our paths crossed over the years from grade school until now. Love and prayers to you and your family.

Melissa Miller - October 18, 2020 at 10:26 PM

RH

“ You have our deepest sympathy.
Rob and Lori Hutchinson



Rob and Lori Hutchinson - October 18, 2020 at 10:20 PM

RB

“ Randy & Nancy Bruns lit a candle in memory
of James "Jim" Stepping



Randy & Nancy Bruns - October 18, 2020 at 10:20 PM

DH

“ You have our deepest sympathy
Doug and Lana Hutchinson



Douglas and Lana Hutchinson - October 18, 2020 at 10:18 PM

LR

“ Deepest sympathy to Mitzi, Mary and family.



Lynn Rochkes - October 18, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MF

“ Miles And Jo Feller sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Miles and Jo Feller - October 18, 2020 at 10:10 PM

NB

“ My deepest sympathy to Mitzi and family! Jim was a nice guy and I still remember those Sunday morning Bloody Mary's.



Nancy Butkauskas - October 18, 2020 at 10:04 PM

RE

“ Roy Easton lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



roy easton - October 18, 2020 at 09:58 PM

RE

I am very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good friend and past neighbor and will be missed by many. RIP my friend, Prayers to the family

roy easton - October 18, 2020 at 10:00 PM

JD

“ Jay And Linda Dunseth lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Jay and Linda Dunseth - October 18, 2020 at 09:55 PM

GL

“ Gary & Sharon Lewis lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Gary & Sharon Lewis - October 18, 2020 at 09:46 PM

MC

“ Much love to you Mitzi and Mary.
Enjoyed Jim so much.
Love you Jim, MJ



Marla Lewis Curtis - October 18, 2020 at 09:41 PM

GS

“ Jim was a valued member of the Sunday morning breakfast club and will certainly be missed! Our sympathy to his family. Mike and Gayle Schafer



Gayle Schafer - October 18, 2020 at 09:35 PM

SE

“ Prayers for the family. Stanley and Nina Elvers



Stanley and Nina Elvers - October 18, 2020 at 09:32 PM

TB

“ Tim & Alice Burris lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Tim & Alice Burris - October 18, 2020 at 09:20 PM

WF

“ Wendy Klee Hinton & Family lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping



Wendy Klee Hinton & family - October 18, 2020 at 09:04 PM

RM

“ *Mitzi and family, we are so sorry for your loss! We are keeping all of you in thought and prayers. May our Lord wrap his loving arms around all of you!* ”



Ron & Sharon Morell - October 18, 2020 at 09:03 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Butch and Beverly Smart* ”



Butch and Beverly Smart - October 18, 2020 at 09:00 PM

DS

“ *Dan & Jackie Smart sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Stepping* ”



Dan & Jackie Smart - October 18, 2020 at 08:50 PM

JD

“ *Janet Dorn lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping* ”



Janet Dorn - October 18, 2020 at 08:41 PM

KS

“ *Kelli Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Kelli Smith - October 18, 2020 at 08:39 PM

JK

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. We will miss him dearly!!!*



John and Cindy Klover - October 18, 2020 at 08:25 PM

BH

“ *Sympathy to Mitzi and Mary and family'!
So sorry for your loss.*



bill Holthaus and Evelyn Hildebrand - October 18, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BL

“ *Brian And Michelle Lebon lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Stepping*



Brian and Michelle Lebon - October 18, 2020 at 08:17 PM