



James "Jim" Vits

August 19, 1931 - September 2, 2020

James E. Vits, 89 of Cheboygan, Michigan, formerly of Tower Hill, Illinois died Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at his residence there. Funeral services will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home, Pana with Pastor Steve Switzer of Calvary Baptist Church, Taylorville officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00AM until service time, again at Kennedy & Sons. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Pana Township, Christian County, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Boys Town, Nebraska.

James E. Vits was born August 19, 1931 in Pana Township on the family farm. He attended Hickory School, Green Valley Country School, and graduated Pana High School with the Class of 1950. James E. Vits enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and was stationed first in Biloxi, Mississippi and later in Del Rio, Texas where he was honorably discharged in 1955 as a Korean Conflict veteran, working mostly as a jet mechanic. James E. Vits married Marilyn Gruen in 1953, and they had five children. He was employed at the Pana Oil Refinery from 1955 to 1960, when he started farming and raising Charolais cattle and other farm livestock. Jim enjoyed dancing, fishing, and taking his children roller skating at Elvers and later Zumwalts. He was especially known for his "gift of gab" and witty sense of humor.

James E. Vits is survived by Daughters: Mary Ann Powell of San Diego, California; Linda Carroll Greene (Joe) of Cheboygan, Michigan; Nancy

Simpson (Rob) of Pana: and Sharon Walter (Jim) of Tower Hill; Son: Gary Vits of Decatur; several Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Brother: Joseph Vits and his Sister: Joyce Havrilka.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery, Pana

2207 W Rt 16
Pana, IL 62557

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

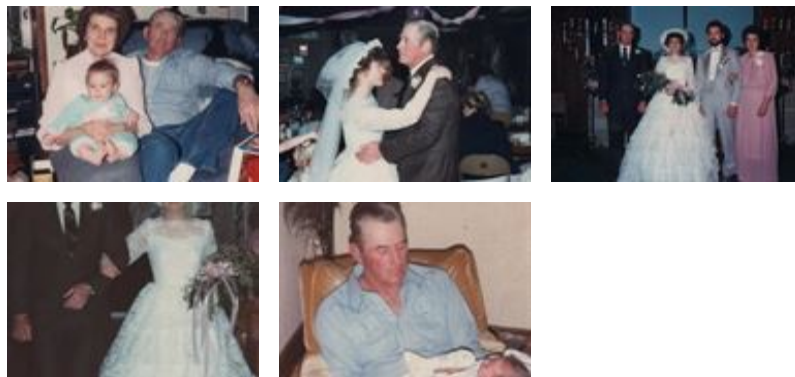
PP

“ Truly sorry for your loss. I am in large part the man i am today because of Jim. He taught me so much . Phil Pugsley

Phillip Pugsley - September 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - September 07, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JH

“ Nancy, so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you and your family during this time.
Jim & Debbie Hocking



Jim & Debbie Hocking - September 07, 2020 at 09:11 PM

SB

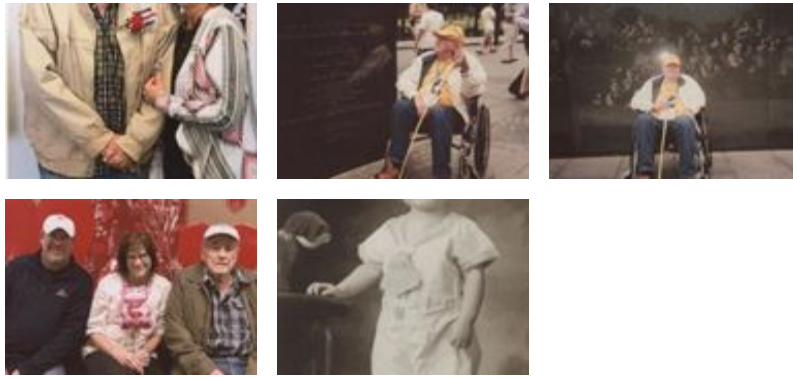
“ *Sidney Barringer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits*



Sidney Barringer - September 07, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - September 07, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ *Jim Harbert lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits*



Jim Harbert - September 07, 2020 at 12:04 PM

NA

“ Nelson And Karen Aumann lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits



Nelson and Karen Aumann - September 07, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ I can't help believe he left the world a better place. Gary Vits Foley, AL

Gary Vits - September 07, 2020 at 03:12 AM

DD

“ David And Janet Dorn lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits



David and Janet Dorn - September 06, 2020 at 01:40 PM

MG

“ Sorry To hear of your dad's death. Will be praying for the peace that passes all understanding to be with each of you, now and the days to follow.

Margie (LeDuc) Gorby

Margie G - September 06, 2020 at 05:18 AM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family



Sally Sarver - September 05, 2020 at 11:51 PM

AM

“ Alice McEnary lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits



Alice McEnary - September 05, 2020 at 10:56 PM

JV

“ Jr And Betty Vits lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits



Jr and Betty Vits - September 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM

SC

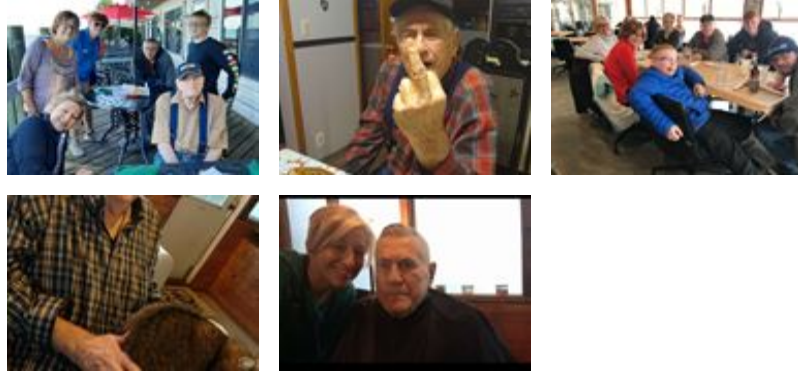
“ The carrell family will sure miss him and our daughter will sure miss eating popcycles under the tree with him



Samantha carrell - September 05, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - September 05, 2020 at 01:33 PM

VE

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one.
Prayers and Sympathy to the family. 🙏🏻🕯️💖



Vickie Ellenberg - September 05, 2020 at 07:15 AM

CC

“ Joe, Linda, and the Vits family, I'm sorry for your loss. My sympathy and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. Love to you Joe and Linda.



Cheryl Croft - September 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CF

“ *Connie And Scott Fribley lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Vits*



Connie and Scott Fribley - September 04, 2020 at 06:24 PM



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



September 04, 2020 at 06:02 PM