



Jim R. Clark

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Born in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1939, Jim Clark entered eternal rest peacefully in the arms of his wife and in the presence of his youngest granddaughter at his home in Wichita, Kansas on the evening of October 1st. Many knew Jim by name, but so many more knew him simply as the man who made them know that they mattered. The world knew him as the man who never let his difficulties overcome him, who never judged, and whose generosity was second to none. Had he darkened the door of an Elks Lodge in recent memory, his fellow Elks would have known him as likely the oldest living Elk in the nation (64 years as a lifetime member). His priests and fellow parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes (Pittsburg, KS)—and other churches in both Kansas and Florida—knew him in his later years as the faithful gentleman who desired to die in church (he didn't quite make that, but he did die on a Sunday). His grandchildren know him as an aficionado of oldies and classic movies and an amazing role model—according to them, if a man could be just half as good as Jim, he'd be one of the best men in the whole world. His daughters and sons-in-law know him as a beautiful example to them of what a husband and father should be. His wife knows him as her best friend. The Mother of God knows him as one of her sons. And God... well, God knows him as “Thou Good and Faithful Servant.”

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Cranston Clark and Fern (Endicott); his sister Betty Youvan; and his beloved daughter Susan Maffei. His survivors include Ann, his wife of over 60 years; his daughter Ann Marie de Jong (Jonathan); his grandchildren Arianna, Nikolaas, and Mara de Jong; Rosemary Patterson, his sister-in-law; cousins, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10am, Friday, October 6, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pittsburg, KS. Burial will follow at the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS. Rosary will be recited at 7pm, Thursday, October 5, 2023, at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg, KS. Family will receive friends immediately following the rosary. Friends may call at the funeral



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home for viewing after 2pm Thursday. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to either The Avi Project, a personalized pro-life resource for college women (www.theaviproject.com/donate.html) or by mail to 30772 Southview Dr. Suite 100, Evergreen, CO 80439) or to the Susan Clark Maffei Memorial Occupational Therapy Scholarship Fund (at the University of Kansas Medical Center through www.kuendowment.org/give or by mail to KU Endowment, PO Box 928, Lawrence, KS 66044 designated in memory of Jim Clark).




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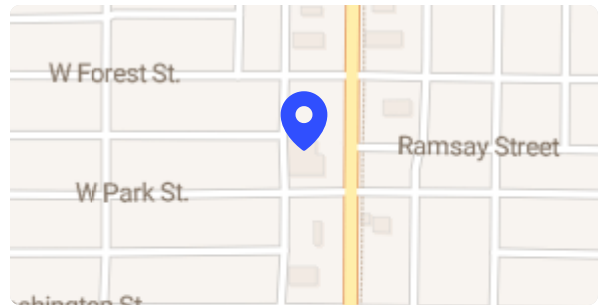
Rosary

 **Thursday**, October 5, 2023

 7:00 PM CT


 **Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory -
Pittsburg**

522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg KS 66762



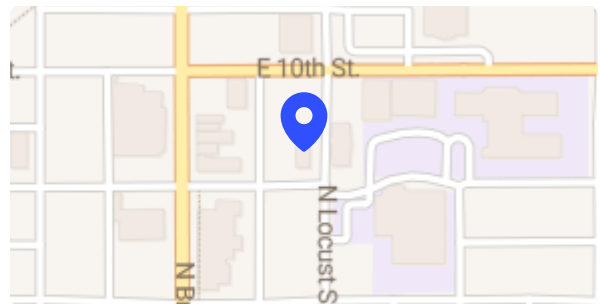
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday**, October 6, 2023

 10:00 AM CT

 **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

109 E 9th St, Pittsburg KS 66762-4043





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CS

Cathy Stockard posted:

Dear Ann and family, We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. We missed seeing you these past years but have fond memories of our time shared with our children. We lift Jim up into the arms of Jesus and we will be keeping you and your family in our prayers. Cathy and Jerry Stockard

October 9 at 2:55 PM

TN

Tim Normand posted:

Ann, please except our condolences and prayers for Jim. Such a good man, you guys were very fortunate to have such wonderful caring parents. Tim and Lisa Normand.

October 9 at 9:28 AM

PE

Pat A Emerson posted:

Ann and family, We were so very sorry to read of Jim's passing. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers Ron and Pat Emerson

October 5 at 11:14 AM

PA

Patti Hobson Ayesh posted:

So very sorry for your family's loss. Ann Marie - simply put - God be with you once again during difficult times. My stepmother (Edie Reda Hobson) also sends her sympathy. Love to all ...

October 5 at 8:38 AM



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Vance Spillman posted:

I had the pleasure to know and work with Jim many years ago back at Pitsco. He was always so kind. I really enjoyed our conversations particularly around sports. My condolences to the family on their loss.

October 5 at 5:41 AM



Gloria Farabi Davis October 5 at 2:28 PM

It's with a sad heart that I express my sincere sympathy to you, Ann and your loving family. Losing a loved one is never easy regardless of the circumstances, but may it help in some small way to know that others share your sorrow. May God hold you all in his hands and may he welcome your beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, father-in-law and uncle into his kingdom. Love & Hugs your cousin, Gloria Farabi Davis



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Clark family.

October 5 at 5:05 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jim.

October 5 at 5:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Clark family.

October 4 at 12:12 PM





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Faye Morris posted:

What a blessing it's been to have rekindled a friendship with Jim and Ann after so many years! Jim was so easy to love! A special friend indeed! Faye Morris

October 4 at 10:32 AM



Stephanie Weldon October 12 at 1:24 PM

a beautiful tribute to Mr. Clark! Mr. Clark always exuded compassion. i was blessed to know him. Stephanie Weldon



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jim by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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