



James Anthony Martin

October 9, 1927 - April 16, 2018

James Anthony Martin was born October 9, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the only child of James Joseph and Alma Claire (Fischer) Martin. He passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018, in Rolla, Mo., at the age of 90.

Jim grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he graduated from Central Catholic High School. He was on active duty in the United States Navy from 1945-48 as a Radarman 3rd Class. He served aboard the destroyer USS Charles R. Ware on its first tour of duty with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean and northern Europe. After his discharge from active duty, he stayed in the reserve until 1953.

Jim earned his Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. He earned his Master of Science in Geology from the Missouri School of Mines, where he also was an instructor for a year. He was recruited by Missouri's State Geologist Dr. Tom Beveridge in 1956 to work for the Missouri Geological Survey and Water Resources. Over the years, he served in the roles of Geologist, Section Chief of Mineral Resources, Chief of Economic Geology Section, Principle Geologist and Administrative Program Director for the Survey. He authored and coauthored a number of maps and reports on geology and mineral resources. He retired in 1995 after more than 38 years of service.

Jim was a charter member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). He was a member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), and the Rolla Optimist Club. He was actively involved in his parish.

He was married on September 22, 1962, to Imelda Ponzer, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. It was noted that Jim and Imelda enjoyed working together on their home and land. For a city boy, he learned to embrace country living. He was a good provider for his family. Jim loved to dance and sing, and to his family and friends, "life was one big musical." Jim was known for his sense of humor and his love of music, especially jazz and big band. As a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he never missed watching a game. He enjoyed his retirement years watching his grandkids when they were little and being a quiet presence among his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Imelda, and children, James Martin of Huntsville, Ala.; Julia (Martin) and Charles Fitzpatrick of Benton Il.; Rebecca (Martin) and Dirk Frisbee of Dent County, Mo.; and Mary (Martin) and Ian Edgecombe of Skiatook, Okla. Grandchildren, Caroline, Elizabeth and James Martin of Huntsville, Ala.; Rachael (Frisbee) and Ryan Reagan of Dixon, Mo.; Katherine and Alexander Frisbee of Dent County, Mo.; Megan Edgecombe, of Owasso, Okla., and Michelle Edgecombe, of Seattle, Wash., and great grandchild Audrey Edgecombe of Owasso, Okla.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. His funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 20, 2018, at St. Patrick Catholic Church with burial to follow at Beaver Creek Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the St. Patrick Catholic School.

Cemetery Details

Beaver Creek

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Rolla, MO 65401
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<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Rolla, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *James Anthony Martin*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *James Anthony Martin*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Rest in Peace,cousin Jimmy. Sending thoughts and Prayers to Mellie and children,*

Cousin, Ginger Fischer Riley

Ginger Riley - April 19, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. David Fitzpatrick ,David and Sarah purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Anthony Martin.*



Mr. and Mrs. David Fitzpatrick ,David and Sarah - April 18, 2018 at 06:02 PM

LF

“ Love, The States and Quinn Families purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of James Anthony Martin.



Love, The States and Quinn Families - April 18, 2018 at 05:12 PM

SS

“ Uncle Jim was my favorite man in our family. He was always interested in people and what they were doing. When I was with him I felt cared for. He was smart but not arrogant, always patient. He was such a good guy. I'm so grateful to have known him. Rest in peace Uncle!

Sondra Schmittgens - April 18, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Anthony Martin.



April 18, 2018 at 03:38 PM

TF

“ Thomas and Francisca Ikuenobe and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Anthony Martin.



Thomas and Francisca Ikuenobe and Family - April 18, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Meg Brady and Anthony Petroy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Anthony Martin.



Meg Brady and Anthony Petroy - April 18, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Anthony Martin.



April 17, 2018 at 11:47 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Anthony Martin.



April 17, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Anthony Martin.



April 17, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James Anthony Martin.* ”



April 17, 2018 at 02:47 PM