



James M. Ricks, II

February 11, 1940 - March 8, 2016

James M. Ricks II , 76, passed away unexpectedly on March 8, 2016. Devoted husband of 53 years to Marcia Louise (Geiger). Beloved father of James M. (Tina) Ricks, III, Stephanie (Timothy) Clancy, and Danielle Ricks. Loving grandfather of Samantha Lester, Casey Ricks, Madison (Travis) Seng, Simon Clancy, Zoe Clancy, Noah Ricks, Seth Ricks, Ruthie Clancy and Sullivan Clancy. Brother of Steven Ricks and Roger (Lynn) Ricks and uncle of Steven, Richard, Jack, Scott and David Ricks. Jim is preceded in death by his parents James M. Ricks and Clara Louise (Jerry) Ricks, his brother Jack Ricks, and his granddaughter Isabelle Rae Clancy.

Jim was born in Lafayette Indiana on February 11, 1940. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering after which he moved to St. Louis, MO for a career at McDonnell Douglas, now Boeing, which he retired from after 40 years of service.

Jim was a devout Christian and was a member of the Florissant Valley Baptist Church for 44 years. Jim served as a Deacon and had many friends there.

Jim (known as "R2" by his buddies) was always active in a variety of sports. He played softball and basketball for many years with his son Jamie. Recently he switched to the less strenuous activities of billiards and fantasy NASCAR. R2 always kept his competitive edge. He would never LET anyone win...you had to BEAT him.

Anyone who came in contact with Jim knew that he didn't hold back in telling you his opinion. Whether you were family or an unlucky waiter... (Who would

only get 10% gratuity to the penny). You always knew through his “sarcasm” where he stood on things. Even though Jim was direct, we all knew inside he had a big heart, loved his family deeply and would be there if you needed him. Jim’s very stable presence in our lives will be missed greatly by all of his family and friends.

We thank all of you for celebrating Jim’s life with us and would love to hear from you with your memories of Jim.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 13, 2016, 4 - 8pm, at HUTCHENS Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd, Florissant.

Services are Monday, March 14, 2016, 10am at Florissant Valley Baptist Church, 1025 N. Hwy 67, Florissant.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Florissant Valley Baptist Church in memory of James Ricks II.

Cemetery Details

St. Ferdinand Cemetery

Manion Park
Florissant, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hutchens Mortuary & Cremation Center
675 Graham Rd
Florissant, MO 63031
(314) 831-3100

Funeral Service

MAR **14.** 10:00 PM (CT)

Florissant Valley Baptist Church
1025 N. Highway 67
Florissant, MO

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Very sorry and surprised to hear of your loss...and sorry that I found out after the visitation service. Positive thoughts and prayers for you.*

David Bedoya

David Bedoya - March 14, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



March 12, 2016 at 06:02 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



March 11, 2016 at 02:10 PM

KG

“ *Marcia and family, I am so shocked to be reading of Jim's passing. He was such a good friend to me at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing all those years ago. It makes me so sad to hear this news. May God comfort you in the many wonderful years and memories you had together. He will always be a pleasant memory to me. Love, Kathy Greifzu*

Kathy Greifzu - March 11, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



March 11, 2016 at 10:50 AM

RO

“ *As the "little" brother, Jim was a great role model. Living life "intensely" through work, family, friends, and fun. So proud to have had him as my brother and so sad that I won't be seeing him this spring. What a very good man!!! Love him!!*

*Love to our family,
Roger and Lyn Ricks*

Roger - March 11, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



March 11, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



March 10, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *Carol, Jack & Tammy, Scot & Macaria, David & Nicole Ricks purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James M. Ricks, II.*



Carol, Jack & Tammy, Scot & Macaria, David & Nicole Ricks -
March 10, 2016 at 05:24 PM

DW

“ We have known Jim and Marsha for about 30 years since we joined the church. Got to know them more in Sunday School and a short time later when I played softball and a little basketball with him. He could be a teaser but it was for fun. Was so glad to have him as a friend and fellow deacon. During pool nights, I often wondered what kind of seemingly impossible shot he might make to win a game. His presence as the chairman of the Deacons will also be missed. Goodbye for now dear friend. Your brother and sister in Christ,
Doug and Vicki Witte.

Doug Witte - March 10, 2016 at 11:57 AM

KW

I want to express my sympathy for the entire family of James Ricks, and especially to Marcia and Danielle. I really did not know him well, but I did get to meet him as I was a classmate of Danny's. I pray that God would comfort all of you and refresh you with memories of the good times you had together, things he said to you, and experiences you came through as a family. I am so sorry for your loss, but I encourage you in the hope of Christ's resurrection and that your loved one is now in heaven.

Katie Wollgast

Katie Wollgast - March 11, 2016 at 09:10 AM