



James F. Kellner

September 9, 1936 - June 28, 2019

James (Jim) Kellner was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 28th, 2019. He died at HYMC, where he had been in ICU for almost a week. Jim was almost 83, born Sept. 9, 1936 in Chicago Illinois. He was the second oldest of 8 siblings. He grew up on Altgeld Street in Chicago and attended St. Josephat's Catholic School and then Trinity High School, where he graduated in 1950. From there he enrolled and then graduated from a Chicago Tech School, and then working for a time at an Insurance Company, and also as a Sergeant in The National Guard Reserves for three years. He then answered a calling to join a religious community called The Alexian Brothers, and as a novice, he spent 2 years on the Community's farm in Gresham, WI, developing a love for Wisconsin that never died. Jim graduated from the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing and as an RN, he worked at Boys Town in Lincoln, Nebraska, and also spent time on Signal Mountain, in Tennessee.

Jim then left the community in 1967 returning to the Chicago area and began to work at Holy Family Hospital as a surgical nurse. It was there that another surgical nurse arranged for Jim to meet his future wife, Mary Anne, also a former Nun and a surgical RN, who had worked there but had left the convent recently. They met on August 15th, 1968, married 8 months later on April 12th, celebrating 50 yrs. together this past April 2019. Together they became born again believers while still living in Illinois. Both were Baptized in a Woodruff Lake and until his death, Jim loved his Lord and Savior, knowing that he would

spend his eternity with Him. Jim was a die hard, life long Chicago Cubs and Bears fan; he was passionate about his teams.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Anne and 3 children, Michael (Sally), Jay, and Daniel (Kelley). They are blessed with four Grandchildren: Nate, Stephanie, Austin and Easton Kellner. A year and a half ago they became great-grandparents to Stormy, their 1 & 1/2 year old Great Granddaughter. Jim is also survived by his oldest brother Les (Gerry), his sisters Mary Ann (George), Geraldine (Walt), Cathy, & Pat (Tim) and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Les and Matilda, Brothers John and Bob, and many aunts and uncles and cousins.

A funeral will take place on Tuesday, July 2nd at Saint Germain Evangelical Free Church in Saint Germain, WI, beginning with a viewing at 11 AM until 1PM, followed by a celebration of Jim's life and then burial in the Saint Germain Cemetery. A luncheon, provided by the church will follow at the church.

Cemetery Details

St. Germain Memorial Cemetery

St. Germain, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Germain Evangelical Free Church
6065 Hwy 70 East
St. Germain, WI 54558

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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St. Germain, WI 54558

Tribute Wall

SL

“ I worked with Jim in the dialysis unit. We would take breaks together and I always enjoyed Jim’s gentle soul. He had the best advice, follow your heart. Jim will be missed.

sharon lintereur - July 02, 2019 at 06:50 PM

SL

“ Sharon Lintereur lit a candle in memory of James F. Kellner



sharon lintereur - July 02, 2019 at 06:46 PM

SA

“ I will always remember Jim’s wonderful smile and quiet strength. The years of knowing him from work and church. Precious... Also the teasing in choir. Bless you all today and may you have strength and comfort. Heaven’s choir is rejoicing to have another member. Sherry and Ted Ashby

Sherry Ashby - July 02, 2019 at 11:37 AM

MJ

“ Jim Kellner was an incredible man. I am so happy that I shared part of his life's journey throughout the years. I first met Jim after he and Mary Anne were married but I got to know him better when my husband Larry and I moved to the Northwoods in 1990. We shared many happy gatherings together. Mary Anne and I have been forever friends for 51 years! More recently, I was a caretaker to Jim for a few months while Mary Anne went to work. It was during that time when Jim shared many of his childhood memories with me. I wrote them down and published a little booklet called, "Jim's Journey." Jim recalled so many sad/happy, funny/serious experiences with me. One of my favorite stories that Jim shared was when his mother received a basket of food from the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Jim's eyes glistened as he remembered his loving mom with tears in her eyes. Since there were eight children in the family, this gift was greatly appreciated. The Kellner family received many Basket of Blessings throughout life but also shared many Baskets of Love with others. May Jim's goodness continue to shine forth in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

With love and prayers, Mary and Larry Jucius

Mary E Jucius - July 01, 2019 at 11:45 AM

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Mary E Jucius - July 01, 2019 at 10:12 AM

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Mary E Jucius - July 01, 2019 at 09:56 AM

EM

“ I didn't know Jim but sounds like he had a wonderful life. I worked with several Alexian Brothers educated R.N.s when I was in the Navy, they were, without exception, good nurses.

Elizabeth Olmstead McBride - July 01, 2019 at 03:22 AM