



James H. De Coursey, Jr.

July 7, 1932 - October 17, 2016

James Henry De Coursey, Jr. 84, Topeka, passed away Monday, October 17, 2016.

Jim was born July 7, 1932, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of James and Jennie Mathews De Coursey. He attended St. Peter Grade School and graduated from Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kansas in 1950, the University of Notre Dame in 1954 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1959. Jim was a member of ROTC while at Notre Dame and served our country as a lieutenant in the US Navy. On August 16, 1958, Jim and Joyce Ann Brewer were united in marriage at Redemptorist Church in Kansas City MO, celebrating 58 years together this summer.

Jim was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Kansas in 1968. He served in cabinet level positions at the pleasure of several governors of both parties. He served as director of banks in the Kansas City community and remained involved in banking for the rest of his life.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Joyce De Coursey; children, James H. De Coursey III and his wife Linda, Timothy Patrick De Coursey and his wife Elaine, Mary Colleen De Coursey and her husband David Brennan, Jr., and Theodore Edwin De Coursey and his wife Wynne; grandchildren, Timothy Patrick, Jr., Joyce Maire, Connor Patrick, David James, Caroline

Madden, Nell Margaret, Kendall Anne and James Henry. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Edwin, Mary Agnes and Sr. Mary Edwin SCL.

Visitation is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Christ the King Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, followed by a parish rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Christ the King Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Midland Care Hospice or to St. Francis Cancer Center, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James H. De Coursey, Jr.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 21, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ James H. De Coursey, Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Jim was classmate who lived next door in Lyons Hall during our sophomore year at Notre Dame. Sincere condolences to his family, and fond memories of Jim.
Eugene Henry

Eugene W. Henry - November 06, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ Dear Joyce and family I was a law school class mate of Jim's. We all treasured his friendship. Maybe the Irishman put it best " We will never be the same as we were before the loss, but are ever so much better for having someone so great to lose." Father Pat Tobin was also a great fan of Jim's, Maurice B. Tobin 202 487 7751

Maurice B. Tobin - October 24, 2016 at 11:29 AM

CH

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Sincerely,

Cheryl (Brown) Farmer

Cheryl - October 23, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JH

“ Judy and I are sorry for your loss. He was a fine gentleman.

Jack and Judy

Jack Homlish - October 22, 2016 at 12:44 PM

PC

“ Jim & Linda, Ted & Wynne,

Rose and I were sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with your Family and You at this difficult time-God Bless Your Father!

Pat & Rose Cahill

Pat & Rose Cahill - October 22, 2016 at 05:54 AM

DS

“ Dear Joyce and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Dick & Jackie Sweeney

Dick Sweeney - October 21, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JC

“ Oct 20, 2016

Dear Joyce and family,

Don, Jackie, Jeff, Kathy, all want to express our sympathy on the passing of Jim. What a wonderful man, as you all know. We can imagine all the wonderful memories you are thinking of him and so our your loved ones and friends. Words say very little at a time like this, but knowing people care and praying for you maybe helps. We hope so. What a kind, gentle and dear man. How fortunate we all were to have him in our lives.

If there is anything we can do, we would be glad to.

God Bless You All.

Love,

Don, Jackie Petersen , Jeff Campbell and Kathy Campbell

Jackie & Don Petersen & Campbells - October 20, 2016 at 09:17 AM