



James Franks

May 18, 1933 - November 13, 2023

James Franks, 90, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023.

James was born May 18, 1933, in Call, Texas, the son of Robert and Johnnie Bell Franks. He married Elizabeth “Betty” Franks on May 18, 1957. In 1955, Jim joined the United States Army, serving over 20 years and retiring in 1974 as First Sergeant. He did a tour in Korea (1956) and two in Vietnam (1965-1966, 1968-1969). After retirement from the Army, Jim worked at Payless Cashways, owned his own roofing and concrete business for 10 years, and then at the State Animal Resource Department for 10 years.

Jim was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 534 and James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly 286, served 20 years as an usher at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, and served 10 years as an usher at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church.

Jim and Betty went country and western dancing every Saturday night for over 30 years. Jim loved their dog GiGi, gardening, bingo, and travelling to all 50 states.

Jim is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Ricky Franks, Michael Franks (Susan), and Pamela Franks (Craig Miller); grandchildren, Shannon, Casey,

Sally, Jeff, Michael and Ilona; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Margie Griner, Ed Franks, and John Franks.

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, November 17, 2023, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618, with visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the Church. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church or Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Rochester Cemetery

1200 NW Menninger Rd
Topeka, KS 66618

Previous Events

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

NOV 17. 5:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Franks*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 16, 2023 at 07:58 PM

AB

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers to the Franks Family
"Thank you" for your military service.
My condolences to your family in this time of Grief and Sorry.
"Thank you" for his dedicated service with the VFW Post 1650
Art Brennan
District 1 and VFW Post 1650 Chaplain
785-580-8101*

Art Brennan - November 21, 2023 at 11:55 AM

JW

“ Uncle Jim never failed to amuse us with his quick wit; he paid attention to little things; he made each of his nieces & nephews feel like his favorite. While driving to Betty's homeplace, the Weishaar farm in Nortonville with the whole family, Uncle Jim would lay on the car horn from Carl & Rachel Wagner's, past Tuffy & Peachie's to Domann's; this created joy for many reasons... yeah! Uncle Jim made it back from his military tour, Aunt Betty can celebrate with family & we get to play with our cousins, Mick, Rick & Pam. Grandma Regina & Grandpa Henry would make it a feast & gathering for all of us. Now the horn is blowing in heaven welcoming him home with Jesus, rejoicing & reuniting with loved ones. Our sympathy to you Aunt Betty, Mick, Rick & Pam. Janelle Weishaar

Janelle Weishaar - November 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM

GT

“ So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We used to sit together at Sunday Mass until the pandemic hit. He was an awesome person and friend and I enjoyed his company. May he rest in peace with his Lord today. Prayers for Jim and Family.
Debbie/Gerry Tinsley



Gerry/Debbie Tinsley - November 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of James Franks.



November 15, 2023 at 04:43 PM

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“ *The Thad and Melissa Hall Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Franks.*

The Thad and Melissa Hall Family - November 15, 2023 at 04:43 PM