



James Handley

June 15, 2011

James Randolph Handley, 70, Topeka, passed away Fri., June 10, 2011 at the VA Hospital. Jim was born on Sept. 20, 1940, in Charleston WV, to Roy Griffin and Alice Lucille Tully Handley. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Kenith D. Bailey and the USS Yellowstone from 1959 to 1963. His 1st tour was throughout the entire Mediterranean Sea in 1959-61. In 1962 Jim served on Blockade duty during the "Cuban Missile Crisis". His last tour of duty was spent serving Patrol duty on the Panama Canal. Jim received an honorable discharge in '63 and returned to his family. Jim worked for KPERs retiring in 1995. He married Barbara Ann Reilly April 16, 1960 in Marion SC. She survives. James is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Jeff Handley and his wife Patty, Neely and her husband Jeff Gower, all of Topeka; grandchildren, Hannah and Halsey Handley and Lexus and Reilly Gower, all of Topeka; sister, Betty Bates, Atlanta GA; brother, Richard Handley, Stuarts Draft VA; cousin, Jane and Earl Bibbee, Myrtle Beach SC and his sister-in-law, Paula and her husband Mike Gibson, Topeka. Family will greet friends from 6-7:30 p.m., Wed. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m. at West Lawn Memorial Garden on Thurs. Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society sent in care of the funeral home, 2801 SW Urish Rd Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Handley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Barb - I was planning on attending the visitation, but I had car difficulties in Western Kansas and didn't get back until late last night. I really appreciated knowing Jim. I still remember he got me a 15 cent raise to work for him at the Casa. I also looked at him as an inspiration out at Washburn. Here was a guy with a wife and two kids busting his butt to better himself. He's the sole reason I joined Delta Sigs. He will be missed.*

Dick Feldman - June 16, 2011 at 12:12 PM



“ *Jeff & Patty,
My dear friends, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jeff Whisler - June 15, 2011 at 12:39 PM



“ *Jeff, Patty, Hannah, Halsey and Handley family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.

Blake, Sally, Morgan and Mallery Pierce

Sally Pierce - June 15, 2011 at 11:17 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with him at KPERS and he would often turn a tense moment into laughter, his "Southern" touch reminded me of my dad, who was born and raised in West Virginia. Always made me feel better when I was first learning the ropes at KPERS. My son also got to know Jim briefly at THS and said nice things about him always. What a loss this is for all of us! Please know he was well liked and will be missed by many. He touched a lot of lives while working for KPERS.

Kim Raines - June 15, 2011 at 09:14 AM

DP

“ Jeff and Neely - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. My thoughts are with you.

Deby Pound-Snodgrass - June 14, 2011 at 10:44 AM

KC

“ Dear Barbara and Neely,
I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I enjoyed working with Jim. He was a great man and a wonderful substitute. He will be missed by all at TPS. With Sincere Sympathy-KC Crawford

Karen KC Crawfor - June 14, 2011 at 08:23 AM

GA

“ Barb, I am so sorry. Please let me know if there is anything at all I can do.

Gayle - June 13, 2011 at 04:58 PM

DK

“ *Barb and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim will be missed a lot by me and my family. Let me know if there is anything you need.*

Dorothea Krivenko - June 11, 2011 at 02:36 PM