



James "Jim" Sheehan

January 28, 1957 - October 13, 2019

James Daniel "Jim" Sheehan, 62, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday evening, October 13, 2019, at Stormont Vail Hospital.

Jim was born in Topeka to James M. and Dorothy Lackinger Sheehan on January 28, 1957, and lived in Topeka the majority of his life. He graduated from Topeka West High School and Kaw Valley Vocational Technical School. Jim also honorably served in the United States Navy for several years. After leaving the Navy, Jim became employed by a Fire Safety company now known as Johnson Controls where he worked for over 35 years as a service repairman or inspector of fire alarms.

Jim loved riding bicycles, golfing, fishing, and being with family. When he was younger, Jim participated in Bike Across Kansas several times as well as Bike Across Wisconsin.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Alice and young brother, Edward. Surviving him are his beloved daughter Hailey Sheehan (John Bays) and granddaughter, Ashley Bays of Arizona.

Jim is also survived by two brothers and seven sisters, John Sheehan (Susan), Patrick Sheehan (Tricia), Kathleen Sheehan, Mary Eileen Fitzpatrick

(Bill), Dorothy Goodman (Jim), Jeannie Macfee (Jim), Patricia Sheehan, Maureen Sheehan (Steve Andrew), and Anne Sheehan (Craig Jones); and many nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are members of Jim's second family, which was formed when he met Suzanne Ashlock and became the head of an ever-increasing number of family members. Surviving in this family are Suzanne "Sue"; her daughter, Sarah and (Dale Wingert), their daughters, Samantha Conley (Ryan Spencer), and Taylor Wingert-Ashlock. Samantha and Ryan have three children, Shawn, Isabella, and Ethan. It is a rowdy bunch, but Jim happily fulfilled the role of father, grandfather, and great-grandfather in this family until the day he passed.

As a final act of kindness, Jim was eligible to be a transplant donor. He will be able to help people he does not even know at a time when they need help the most.

Jim was a wonderfully kind, caring, compassionate, strong, self-effacing, and fun-loving guy. His sudden passing has left a huge hole in the hearts of all who loved him.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 19, 2019, in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Topeka Community Cycle Project or charity of donor's choice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Committal Service

OCT **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Sheehan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My earliest memories of Uncle Jim were of him playing with us at Grandparent's house. Looking back I realize how great he was to engage with us as little brats – often throwing us around and playing hide-and-seeK-tag. Later on in middle school I went on a three day bike ride with Jimmy called the GRABAAWR (The GReat Annual Bicycling Adventure Along the Wisconsin). Jimmy was an avid biker and could have completed each 90 mile day in half the time it took us , but again he patiently hung back with me and we finished each day together.*

I didn't get a lot of chances to catch up with him over the past 25 years, but I know he is a kind person and was up for anything. RIP Uncle Jimmy!

Roe Goodman - October 19, 2019 at 02:44 AM

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“ I was thinking of uncle Jimmy today and I remembered how he would tease Toby mercilessly during family events. I also remembered him working at my elementary school fixing various items within the building. It was always fun waving hi and whispering to a friend, "that's my uncle." Lastly, I remember him giving me permission to listen to Journey, "Don't Stop Believin'" on his walkman 100 times in row. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. He will be remembered through the tapestry of wonderful memories that we were blessed to experience at the Sheehan home. Give grandma and grandpa, Alice, and my mom, a hug from us!

Pam Scharping

Pam Scharping - October 16, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Jimmy was a kind soul. Growing up as one of many of his nephews I didnt really get to know him all that well, but he was always there at the family events. Very quiet but, but also very nice to all of us. As I grew up I got to know him much more and was able to spend many Sheehan holidays where we had the pleasure of meeting several of his family members along the way. From those conversations, you knew that Jimmy was a very kind and loyal person. We talked about all kinds of things from family to sports and work. We even ran into each other while he was working on Westars fire alarms when I worked there and you could tell he was very smart and really knew his craft. He was very dedicated and at times fairly quiet. I enjoyed having Jimmy as an uncle and will never forget his kindness. He will be missed and our prayers go out to all of his extended family members.

Brian, Cady, & Liam Macfee

Brian Macfee - October 16, 2019 at 10:04 AM