



James Spano

January 6, 1946 - October 30, 2024

James Anthony Spano “Jim”, 78, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. He was born on January 6, 1946, in Topeka, the son of Anthony Silverio and Winifred Annis Clark Spano.

Jim and his parents moved to Watertown, New York shortly after he was born and lived there until he was 15, at which time they moved to Overbrook, Kansas. After graduating from Overbrook High School in 1964, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1968. He served three tours in Vietnam as a Radar Operator. Following his Navy service, he settled in Topeka, attended Washburn University and worked for the State of Kansas. Jim married Nancy Riggin on February 26, 1984, in Topeka.

Jim is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Jeanne Spano; sons, Brian Spano (Hope), Peyton, Colorado and Bryce Spano (Jamie), Tampa, Florida; daughter, Heather Lynn Spano, Topeka; grandchildren, Dagan, Haidyn, Darshea and Gaige; sister, Margaret Cheikelard (Ayman), Clearwater, Florida; aunt, Margie Eastman (Bill), San Antonio, Texas; brothers-in-law, George Riggin (Suzanne), Colorado Springs, Colorado, and David Riggin (Viola), Lawrence, Kansas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Anita Spano, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 25, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where memorial service will be 11 a.m. Burial to follow in Wilmington Cemetery in Wilmington, Kansas.

Jim's Memorial Service will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Wilmington Cemetery

Harveyville, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM

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*Our condolences and thoughts are with you and your family! Please don't hesitate to ask if you need anything.
Your old neighbors - Pat and Linda and family*

Norlinda Campbell - November 07, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Spano.*



November 20, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Spano.*

November 20, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Spano.* ”



November 15, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *The Fintel Family & The Commiso Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Spano.* ”



The Fintel Family & The Commiso Family - November 09, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Spano.* ”



November 05, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *I hadn't seen Jim in a # of years. Spent a lot of time with him in the 80's & 90's. Great memories of a good person. R I P my old friend.* ”

Jim Cates - November 04, 2024 at 12:14 PM

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“ Sincere sympathy is extended to Nancy and family upon learning of Jim's passing. Many of us remember when you and Jim were married years ago and everyone was so happy for you both. You and your family are in thought and prayer at this sad time.
Security Benefit Retirees & Friends

Carol Sook - November 03, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ Nancy I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. I will always remember his smile when I came in to visit Lonnie. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You and your family.
Ramona Bryant

Ramona Bryant - November 02, 2024 at 08:03 PM


Claudia
Perney

“ Prayers to you and your family, Nancy. Claudia Robards Perney

Claudia Perney - November 02, 2024 at 02:44 PM