



## James Alan Casper

November 13, 1944 - May 28, 2020

Dateline: Alton, IL

James Alan Casper, 75, died at 1:16 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born November 13, 1944 in Wichita Falls, TX the son of the late James and Virginia (Doris) Casper. He retired as a Captain from the Alton Police Department and later went on the work security for the Olin Corporation. He married Janet Heiney and they shared 55 years of marriage and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Jennifer Cope (Alan) of Jerseyville and one son, Jon D. Casper of Texas, three grandchildren, Erica Cope of Jerseyville, Nik Casper of Jerseyville, and Jake Casper of Jerseyville, one great grandchild, Brooklyn Cope Scoggins of Jerseyville, one brother, Gary Casper (Linda) of Phoenix, AZ, two nephews, Jay Casper (Carrie) of Indiana and Josh Casper (Heather) of CA. and his best friend, Coco. No services are scheduled at this time. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter or the American Cancer Society. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at <http://www.gentfuneralhome.com>

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“ Jim and I were part of the Upper Alton bunch from grade school at Horace Mann through AHS. We survived seemingly endless pick-up games of football, especially on Edwards Street, and basketball games at Barton's where we managed to break Jim's arm one afternoon. I don't know if anyone imagined how many of our bunch would end up in law enforcement. Bad Boys! Jim and I once staged a mock fight at Block's where he shot me with a starter's gun. We were ejected and banned for a couple of days. Good times! Jim and I touched base only a few times over the past 50 years. Distance does that. But I kept hearing about what a great cop he was. That's a good life: we played our games; we fought the bad guys; and Jim stood The Watch. RIP, old friend.

**Bob McBrien** - June 08, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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**CoCo Casper** - June 06, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Jim's Best Friend...

**CoCo Casper** - June 06, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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“ Olin's Winchester Handgun Range -- and the simplicity of the gravely, grouchy, "Focus on the front sight" is what I will remember of Casper. His patience with me was monumental, and I became a better shooter because of it. I took this simplicity and patience to my students, and hopefully, they are better because of him, too. ---  
Julie McAfoos

**Julie Denise** - June 04, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ My sympathy to Janet, Gary and all the families. Jimmy, as I called him, was my brother's age and I was the pesky little sis that bugged them all the time. I remember what a kind guy Jim was. I don't think it was easy being a "principal's kid", but he and Gary managed it just fine. Thinking of you all!

Susie Henesey Pruetzel

Susan Pruetzel - June 03, 2020 at 11:51 PM

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“ To one of my best buddies out at the gun range. I will forever miss our banter and you being your old grouchy self that I loved so much! You will be missed for sure... but the stories of you will live on for many, many years to come.

Jennifer Driskell - June 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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“ My condolences. Jim and I, Vicki Sheff Hensler, went back many years, and I have great memories of Jim. May he RIP.

Vicki Hensler - June 03, 2020 at 10:52 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Friend for years, always such a nice guy and a great police officer. Rest In Peace. Prayers to family.

Caren Stephan - May 31, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ what a shock. we will miss you at the Olin Range, Jim. Hope the Good Lord has a range up there, save a spot for me.  
paul bass

paul bass - May 30, 2020 at 11:11 PM