



James Edward Markel

June 29, 1955 - December 12, 2021

Dateline: St. Louis, MO

James Edward Markel, 66, died at 3:03 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 2021 at his home in St. Louis, MO. Born June 29, 1955 in Alton, he was the son of Reba Juanita (Conway) Markel of Sparta, IL and the late Homer Edward Markel. Mr. Markel served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a self employed construction worker. James was known as an amazing artist. Some of his greatest work is done in ink dot style and is framed and hanging in his mother's home. The artist whose work he enjoyed duplicating most was Frank Frazetta. James enjoyed reading about the Civil War and World War II. He was also an avid chess player. Along with his mother, he is survived by a daughter, Jamie McCollum and her fiancé Joe Amtmann of Wood River, his siblings, Linda Hirsch, Michelle Groves, Rick Markel, Homer "Chip" Markel, and Art Markel. James was an adored member of the Markel family who will be sorely missed. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Sonny Renken will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

DEC 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James Edward Markel

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ James Edward Markel

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Such a handsome and kind cousin. Thinking of all of you. You are no longer suffering, fly high Jim. Love you

Tammy Kiefer - December 21, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Markel.



December 20, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ I love you daddy ❤️ I'm going to miss you so much!!



Jamie - December 20, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James Edward Markel.*



December 20, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sorry for you loss. Love and prayers to family and friends! Deb Benedict Rathert*

Deb Benedict Rathert - December 19, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *May you Rest In Peace Jimmy. I remember you as a little boy, such a cute little guy with a beautiful smile and huge dimples. We had such good times at those family picnics. You will be missed and may you dance with the angels in that beautiful forever called Heaven. Love you my cousin.*

Marie Markel Daube - December 18, 2021 at 03:28 PM