



James "Jim" Reinhardt

February 28, 1926 - September 25, 2018

Dateline: Alton

James "Jim" Frederick Reinhardt, was born on February 28th, 1926 to Walter and Wilhelmina (Grabbe) Reinhardt in Alton, Illinois. A life-long member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, Jim taught Sunday school, was a youth advisor and was the coach of athletics. At 16, he joined the Alton Municipal Band as the youngest clarinetist to date. He then went on to become the band manager and served in that capacity for 22 years. It was in the band that he met his wife, Martha Reid, who was a soloist with the band. They were married in September of 1952 and celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on September 21, 2018.

Jim had a mechanical mind and was extremely skilled with his hands, completing extensive model train and airplane projects and even go-karts and treehouses for his children. Similarly, he studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois. Being a proud alumni, he was a huge fan of the U of I sports programs. He went on to work for Grabbe construction company, Laclede Steel and eventually retired from The Boeing Company at the age of 65. He served in the Marines during World War II in the regiment assigned to cover the occupation of Japan. Witnessing the effects of the nuclear bomb was a defining moment in his life.

At church, he was fondly known as “Coach” and his wife known as “Mrs. Coach”. Jim was warm, outgoing and everyone said he never knew a stranger. Jim was thankful for the life he had with his family, and his love for Martha. His family will miss his storytelling and appreciated being close to someone who had so much knowledge and appreciation for family history.

Jim quietly departed this life on September 25th 2018 at the Oxford Grand in McKinney, Texas.

His spirit is deeply remembered by his wife, Martha and three children. A daughter, Reid Stroud, sons Walter (Joan) Reinhardt and Clinton (Laurie) Reinhardt and brother-in-law Robert Reid (G.G.). He leaves behind 7 grandchildren, Adam (Ana) Stroud, Erin Stroud, Zach Reinhardt, Ethan (Ingrid) Reinhardt, Rebecca Reinhardt, Miranda Reinhardt and Jacob Reinhardt as well as four great-grandchildren, Charlee Stroud, Dylan Stroud, Gabriel and Nicole Hentschel.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 29th 2018 at the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, Illinois. Pastor Jerry McCaskey will officiate. Burial will be private with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Evangelical United Church of Christ Radio Fund or the Alzheimer’s Association. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
1212 Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Hello to the kids of jim and martha: (Reid, Walter, and Clinton.

I know this is late but i'm just getting around to it.

Could you send me the resting place of jim and martha so i could leave flowers and visit.

Much appreciated.

Text. 352-492-5660 Best Wishes:

DON. GRABBE

Don grabbe - October 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ Jim thank you for the help and encouragement when i was in godfrey in 1965. I will never forget that year at north junior high school. Thanks for the help and friendship when we met at the shop with dad. A great job you did and a life well done. You and martha the best of the best. Mom and dad always spoke highly of you. I hope to see you again.

BEST WISHES:

sincerly, DON GRABBE

Don grabbe - October 13, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ James "Jim" Reinhardt

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ James "Jim" Reinhardt

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

GE

“ I remember Mr. Reinhardt so well from church. He was so kind and friendly. I am so sorry about his passing. Prayers for Mrs. Reinhardt, Wally and the rest of the family.
Gretchen Bockhorst Edmiston, Rushville, IL

Gretchen Edmiston - October 15, 2018 at 11:28 PM

DH

“ I send our deepest sympathies. I regret that we could not attend the funeral. Jim and Martha profoundly impacted the life of Julie and I. We have great memories of living across the street from them in Alton.

As a fellow long, suffering Illini fan, we knew the pain of many football and basketball defeats. I newer saw Jim in a bad mood. He always had time for a kind word and a smile.

Rest in Peace, "Grandpa Jim".

David Hyten - October 01, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill and Brenda Pyatt

William Pyatt - September 29, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers----as my Jim ,once said about your Jim - " He is a good man" Indeed he was- ----I am certain they are now enjoying sharing many great great memories--God Bless -
Jane Stites

Jim Jane Stites - September 29, 2018 at 11:40 AM

TW

“ Our hearts are filled with sorrow upon hearing the news about Jim's passing. Our most sincere condolences go out to you and your family.
Love, Traci Woods & Jonathon Johnson.



Traci Woods - September 28, 2018 at 03:50 PM

SR

“ Martha, Clint, Walter and Reid, I'm sorry about Uncle Jim passing. I talked with Martha
I guess on Monday, Jim suffered for a while, however he is now with Jesus and all
his pain is gone and he back to his old self. I'm sending a email to my cousins
Love Steve

Steve Reid - September 28, 2018 at 12:25 PM

TR

“ What a wonderful man! I knew Mr. Reinhardt for over 40 years. He was always kind, had a great smile and took a genuine interest in me. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I am sure that he leaves a legacy of love, warmth, friendship, kindness and fun in the memories of his family and all who knew him.

Tom Rayborn - September 28, 2018 at 10:59 AM

CW

“ *Very sorry for your loss. In addition to being a 2-blocks-away neighbor, Jim was a great inspiration to me as a young Muny Band member, and I enjoyed staying in touch with him and Martha through the ensuing decades; I always appreciated his support, enthusiasm, and sense of humor. Peace and comfort to the entire Reinhardt family. -- Chuck Willett*

Chuck Willett - September 27, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss - prayers for your great family.
Pat and Meg Miller*

Patrick Miller - September 27, 2018 at 12:30 AM

SA

Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Sue (Dilks) Ansell
AHS 1980*

Suzanne Ansell - September 27, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss. May you hold cherished memories forever in your hearts.*

Danette Snyder Peach - September 26, 2018 at 10:56 PM

TH

“ *So sorry. May Mr. Reinhardt's memory always remain a blessing.*

The Horns - September 26, 2018 at 10:13 PM

DC

“ *I could not have chosen a better family to adopt than Jim and Martha. Jim was such a gift, we have been blessed.*
Dow

dow costa - September 26, 2018 at 08:48 PM