



Martin James "Jim" Allen

November 4, 1938 - May 18, 2015

Martin James "Jim" Allen, 76, passed away in his home surrounded by his family on Monday, May 18, 2015. After extended stays in the Kansas City area, he joyfully returned home last week where dozens of friends and family members streamed by to visit him. For those who could not make it in person, phone calls and video chats were common. The last week of his life was filled with laughter, love and reflection on a life well lived.

Jim was the eldest son of Ned and Agnes Allen and lived most of his life in Chanute. He was born on November 4, 1938 and graduated from Chanute High School in 1956. He met the love of his life Rosalee Vaughn in junior high school and they were married on June 2, 1962.

Jim and Rosie were blessed with great children in Alexis Allen Riker, Alisa Allen McConnell (husband Rob), Jimmy Allen and Chad Burk. In addition to them, Jim is survived by five grandchildren who were his pride and joy – Alec Riker, Connor Riker, Will Riker, Meg McConnell and Max McConnell. He is also survived by five brothers John, Pat, Dan, Mike and Tim; six sister-in-laws; 45 and one-half nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and more friends than one could count.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Ned and Agnes Allen; and he has joined his Rosie, who passed away on April 24, 2013.

Jim was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Elks, Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. After graduation from Chanute High School he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and reached the rank of Corporal. He attended Neosho County Community College and earned an associate arts degree before embarking on an extremely successful sales career.

In 1978 he founded Jim Allen Packaging in Chanute. The company grew into one of the best suppliers of boxes, ribbon and wrapping paper in the Heartland. He also launched Paper Place, Inc., Im-Pres Label Company and Hi-Tek Design. Jim was highly regarded by his employees, colleagues, retailers and competitors alike.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, May 22 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chanute. The family will receive friends for visitation at St. Pat's at 6 pm on Thursday, May 21 with a Rosary service at St. Pat's at 7:30 pm.

Memorials in Jim's name may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation (PKD) at 8330 Ward Parkway #510, Kansas City, MO 64114 or the (Catholic affiliated) Pregnancy Crisis Center, 1040 N. West St., Wichita, KS 67203 or may be left with Countryside Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute
424 S. Central
Chanute, KS

Rosary

MAY **21**. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute
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Service

MAY **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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424 S. Central
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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Jim was a wonderful person. He was always honest and very helpful in business. He will be missed by all. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family.
Mark and Patti Smith

Patti Smith - May 27, 2015 at 06:39 AM

JT

“ Jerry Turner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.



Jerry Turner - May 22, 2015 at 08:56 AM

SK

“ Condolences and love to Jimmy and everyone in the family. R.I.P. Jim, Sr. A good man and wonderful father.

Sam, Jack, Grace and Alexa Kaiser

Sam Kaiser - May 21, 2015 at 10:59 PM

KM

“ We are saddened by Jim's passing and send our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends. Jim's kindness, wit, generosity and friendship will be with us in our memories of this true gentleman and friend. He will be greatly missed.

All of Jim's friends and associates at the Kansas City Apparel & Accessory Market

Kansas City Apparel & Accessory Market - May 21, 2015 at 03:24 PM

P-

“ *Preston Striegel with Striegel Sales - purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.*



Preston Striegel with Striegel Sales - - May 21, 2015 at 01:59 PM

KP

“ *Dear Pat and Family, I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother Jim. He was always so nice to me...when I was a youngster, with a Showroom, at the KC Mart. My thoughts and prayers are with the Allen Family! Sincerely, Kate Ries Palmer*

Kate Ries Palmer - May 21, 2015 at 10:19 AM

MH

“ *Jim was a wonderful Boss and an exceptionally kind man. Lots of memories from working for and with him in the showroom. Prayers to the family and for Jim and Rosy.*
Mary Lou Hamlin

Mary Lou Hamlin - May 21, 2015 at 09:19 AM

CC

“ I am saddened to learn of Jim's passing. We are both Blue Comets and Black Panthers and I often visited with Jim when we both had showrooms in the KC Gift Mart, Unfortunately that was too many years ago, but great times and shows! He was always smiling and usually had a "story or two" to share. He definitely developed some great product lines for his customers and had a loyal and dedicated following amongst that group.

God Bless Jim!!!

Rolen "Casey" Casebolt

Shawnee, Ks

Class of 1961--Chanute High School

Class of 1963--Chanute Junior College

Casey Casebolt - May 21, 2015 at 09:14 AM

KT

“ Tim, Tish and Allen family many prayers, candles and rosaries are being lifted up for Jim and the Allen family. His contributions to the Shawl Ministry will carry forward to help many heal. What a beautiful legacy he has left thru his caring, generous heart, love of life and strong faith to his family, friends and complete strangers.



Kathy T - May 21, 2015 at 08:23 AM

CA

“ Charles, Candice and Cole Allen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.



Charles, Candice and Cole Allen - May 20, 2015 at 06:52 PM

FB

“ *Very sad to hear of Jim's passing. Pat, Jim and you were true mentors to me when I got into retail trying to learn the ropes. I learned a lot from Jim. The one thing I always admired about him was his honesty. I never felt like he was trying to sell me something it was always about filling my needs. He stood Tall among men.*

Fred Borck

Fred Borck - May 20, 2015 at 05:00 PM

NE

“ *Memories? I could write a book full! I was friends with Jim and Rosie from 9th grade on. We double-dated, got in trouble (minor) together, lived in Kansas City at the same time, and on and on and on. I remember his coming home on furlough from the Marines and showing me some judo tricks in my front yard. I tossed him over my shoulder, and consider that my greatest physical feat. They loved each other so much -- truly a match made in heaven. Another vibrant memory is his taking me in to the school darkroom one day to show me some photography. Since I tend to dislike dark, closed places, I was terrified.*

Jim was unfailingly friendly, unfailingly kind and always a gentle gentleman. I'm saddened by his passing, but happy that he and Rosie are together again.

Nan Ehrbright

1240 las brisas lane

winter haven, fl 33881

nan ehrbright - May 20, 2015 at 04:13 PM

LW

“ Leonard and Renate Wilson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.



Leonard and Renate Wilson - May 20, 2015 at 12:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.



May 20, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.

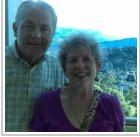


May 20, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MF

“ What a nice man and true friend! In business he was a innovator in the retail packaging industry. He was also one of my mentors. God bless. Mike and Valerie Flaherty Great Falls, Montan.

Mike Flaherty - May 20, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ Our love and prayers are with the Jim Allen family as you say goodbye to a wonderful man, great husband, father, grandfather and brother. As Patty's sister and brother-in-law, we remember how dear Jim was to them and how much he will be missed. But we know he is in a better place--heaven--where there are no more tears, pain or sorrow--only rejoicing and praise as he meets up with loved ones and sees the face of Jesus, who has helped him travel these last years without Rosie at his side. She will be there to welcome him!

Donna Timm - May 20, 2015 at 09:45 AM

KK

“ I was so saddened at the loss of Jim. I have enjoyed working with him in the packaging industry. He was a very nice person and has a great company to work with. My condolences go out to his family and his extended family at Jim Allen Packaging. He will be missed by us here at Bags and Boxes 2.

Sincerely,
Kim Kobett

Kim Kobett - May 20, 2015 at 08:37 AM



“ We are thinking of the Allen and Paper Place family, especially Pat. Everyone at Bags and Boxes 2 will remember Jim fondly. He always had a smile to share, a quick wit and a kind word.. We will miss him. God bless.

Debbie Mahoney, Bags and Boxes 2

Debbie Mahoney - May 20, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin James "Jim" Allen.*



May 20, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ *Sorry to read of the passing of Jim. Jim was a "best" friend to my dad, Clarence Williams. He always spoke highly of him and after I met Jim I understood why. Jim was a gentleman and always greeted you with a smile and after knowing you, with a hug. He and Rosie were two of God's angels on this earth. The family of Clarence Williams extends our sympathy and prayers for the family. He was a wonderful man.*

Beverly Gordon - May 19, 2015 at 11:20 PM



“ *Todd And Wendy Soence lit a candle in memory of Martin James "Jim" Allen*



Todd and Wendy Soence - May 19, 2015 at 09:04 PM