



James R. Solet

April 24, 1942 - July 25, 2015

Solet, James R. passed suddenly in his sleep Sat., July 25, 2015. Baptized into the Hope of Christ's resurrection. Loving husband of Kathy Solet (nee: Dulio); dear Father of William (Beth) Solet, John (Nicole) Solet, and Laurie (Dragos) Enea; dear Grandfather of Tyler, Alex, Maria, Ryan, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Sadie, and Lena; dear Brother of Carolyn (Frank) Prosowski; our dear uncle, cousin, and beloved friend.

Services: Funeral services Wed., July 29, 9:15am at BUCHHOLZ MORTUARY WEST, 2211 Clarkson Road, (@ Wilson Road) Chesterfield, MO to Ascension Catholic Church, 230 Santa Maria Drive, Chesterfield, MO for a 10am mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Online guestbook www.buchholzmortuary.com.

VISITATION Tues. 3 - 8pm.

Cemetery

**Holy Cross Catholic
Cemetery**
16200 Manchester Road
Wildwood, MO, 63038

Events

JUL 28 Visitation 03:00PM - 08:00PM
Buchholz Mortuary West
2211 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO, US, 63017

JUL 29 Mass 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Ascension Catholic Church
230 Santa Maria Drive, Chesterfield, MO, US,
63005

Comments



“ Jim-- It seems like it was only yesterday when we were a couple of grade school kids happily hiking around the back acres of grandpa's farm on those warm sunny days in Ohio. You'd have that bird book slung over your shoulder on a piece of twine you had looped through it. In high school we made some spending money playing in our dance band at high school proms, the Moose hall and Elks Lodge-- you on guitar and I on cornet. Then to college. You were the best man when Grace and I got married. You drove us from church in that sporty 1959 Pontiac 4-door hardtop. Then came families, wonderful kids and grandkids (who "melted your heart"). In recent years, we kept up on family news on the phone and when you visited us in Albuquerque on your trips for Boeing. I'd get a phone call which always began, "Hi Ron, it's your cousin Jim".

In that great song of life, you surprised us and went to the second ending when we thought you had a couple of more choruses to go. So, keep that guitar pick handy, brush up on those aug9th, sus4, and maj7 chords. One day it will be my turn to say "Hi Jim, it's your cousin Ron", and we'll take it from the top.



Ron Bousek - August 01, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ Many fond memories of working with Jim on the F/A-18 FLIR program. Lots of trips to Newport Beach and late nights in the lab. He was one of the gentleman of the old McAir school with the technical expertise and work ethic match. He will be missed.

--Jim Anderson, Fort Collins, CO

Jim Anderson - July 29, 2015 at 05:23 PM



“ Jim was an amazing man. I had the pleasure of working very closely with Jim for the past 4 years on the UCLASS program. He was one of the first people I met when I came to Boeing. He was my go-to guy, my technical expert. He would happily tackle any challenge and was always learning and growing; he never outgrew his curiosity. He was so easy-going and every time you spoke with him, you left happier and more relaxed than you were. Even when I needed so much from him at work, he never responded with less than a smile and an “as you wish” with a sparkle in his eyes. He loved to teach and he had so much knowledge to share. He had a gift for relating complex technical concepts in a comprehensible fashion. He even tinkered with his work at home – creating mentoring lessons with matchbox cars in his backyard, or making his wife stand at a certain distance down the street, holding a sign, so he could demonstrate EO/IR capabilities with his camera. Even more impressive than his technical expertise was his genuine personality. He cared and he let you know it. I knew Jim while I had my two children, and he loved hearing about them and sharing stories about his own family whom he loved so very much. I feel like I know his family even though they may never have heard of me. Many people have “work husbands” or “work wives” – people they spend their days with and turn to for anything and everything. For me, I had my “work dad” – Jim.



Maranda Schettler - July 29, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ Hi Maranda,
I wanted to personally write to you and let you know how much your tribute to my Dad touched my heart. I feel as though you completely captured his essence. We received the contents from his desk a few weeks ago. In the box was a Notorious Invention Disclosure Award. Andrea, the lady who dropped it off, mentioned to my mom that she wished he could have seen that, as it was a big deal. Myself, mom and brothers are extremely intrigued because he never mentioned it. On his desk I did see an application for it. I guess he submitted paperwork for it in the spring. It reads "Prediction of Electro-Optical Sensor Performance for Sensors Installed behind Complex Window Assemblies." Our dad was very humble when it came to his accomplishments at work. We just recently, and only after his death, have begun to realize this. I can not read your tribute very often because it one of the things that just makes me break down. I miss him terribly and so does my precious daughter, Lena. They had such a special relationship. But I want to let you know that I am sure he felt the same way about you. And I bet he is watching over you and your two children. So rest assured that you have an angel up there. Also, do you happen to know the address for Boeing Bldg #65? We would like to send a thank you card. Hope all is well with you and yours.

Thasnks so much,

Laurie lauriesolet@sbcglobal.net

Laurie Solet - September 14, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim many years ago. He was was of the nicest persons I've ever met. His technical expertise was only matched by his friendly demeanor. He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to work with him.

Mark Hartford

Mark Hartford - July 29, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of James R. Solet.



July 29, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James R. Solet.



July 28, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ I was out with my family over the weekend paddle boarding when my wife asked about a sticker one of our boards. It was an F/A-18 FLIR sticker that Jim has placed on the board when he used it as a windsurfer (and yes, it makes a pretty good stand-up paddle board). I was relating to my family how I bought the windsurfer from Jim 25+ years ago and how much I had enjoyed working with him. I will always have fond memories.

V/R,
Dean Hooks



Dean Hooks - July 28, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ Jim Menner, Joel Hyatt J&H Unlimited purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James R. Solet.



Jim Menner, Joel Hyatt J&H Unlimited - July 28, 2015 at 09:01 AM



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Dearest Dad,

I've always said the two kindest people I know are my parents. Thank you for being a sweet and loving father who provided the best advice, guidance and support. Thank you for being a best friend who always had time to listen, encouragement to offer and a funny story to share. Thank you for the love and kindness you shared with mom for over 53 years. Thank you for always doing the right thing and living by example. Thank you for sharing your love of nature and overall respect for all things living. Thank you for being a hard worker and installing such a solid work ethic in us all. I am heartbroken at losing you, especially so suddenly, but so very grateful for the time we shared together. I am really going to miss our daily chats, your abundant love for Lena, your big hugs, your "Laurie, It will all work out" attitude, our Sunday dinners, recipe exchanges and your loving friendship. You made everyone's day brighter.

Best Dad ever. Thank you. Words can not express.

I love you,

Laurie

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/stltoday/james-r-solet-jim-condolences/175369005?cid=full&page=2#sthash.iluQiZ8o.dpuf>



LAURIE SOLET ENEA - July 27, 2015 at 11:06 PM



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Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of James R. Solet.



July 27, 2015 at 07:25 PM



“ Simona and Cristian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James R. Solet.



Simona and Cristian - July 27, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of James R. Solet.



July 27, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ Dearest Kathy, We were shocked beyond words to come home from our vacation to learn Jim had died. We immediately began reminiscing about all the fun times we used to have camping and other crazy activities that Joan and Wally used to plan for us. Even though we haven't seen you in years, we will always consider the Solet family part of our younger lives and the memories will always be there. Please know that Jim and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
With many memories and great sympathy,
John and Charlotte Gianino

Charlotte Gianino - July 27, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ The news of Jim's passing is very sudden and unexpected. We spoke often about music, guitars, cooking interesting dishes, and recent trips with his family. I recall him being unusually quiet and extremely focused on his work in the days leading up to just this past weekend and was looking forward to chatting with him this morning. I will miss his wealth of experience, collection of stories to tell, his warm smile, and especially his kind heart.

Jayson Huddy - July 27, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ The Bousek and Simonovich Families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James R. Solet .



The Bousek and Simonovich Families - July 26, 2015 at 09:47 PM



“ Kathy,
I was a classmate of Jim's at UD and my wife, Teresa, and I met you at the last UD reunion that you and Jim attended. Please accept our sympathy at this time. Jim was a great person and I consider it a privilege to have know him.

fred frecker - July 26, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ In remembering - somewhen around 1973 a few of us in the McDonnell Labs went from STL to Douglas in Long Beach to support a proposal effort. We all took our families. Jim & Kathy with his 2 or 3 or so kids, I think and me with Marian and Dennis, Jr at age 1. We had rental cars and us 6 guys piled into 1 Ford to go to work for 2 weeks, leaving the other rentals for the ladies & kids. We were staying in Anaheim - so, they went to Disney World a lot and swam in the Motel pool. It was a good time. --- Dennis and Marian Tyberend

Dennis Tyberend - July 26, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ I loved the sailing inspiration he brought to Lake of the Ozarks on Labor Day weekends. I have very fond memories of that time.

My sincerest condolences.

Christine Miller Way

christine way - July 26, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ Steve Dyer is following this tribute.

Steve Dyer - July 26, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Kathy, not sure if you remember me, but I was sorry to hear about Jim. I live in New Castle, IN and you guys stopped on your way through to visit a couple of times. I will always remember Jim as my support when I had left the Seminary after 7 yrs and went to UD. It was a big change for me but he was my confidante and supporter during that 1st Semester on the west Campus and through him I met the rest of the gang. Cannot believe how many years ago that was. You and your family are in my prayers.

Steve Dyer

Steve Dyer - July 26, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ To Kathy and Family,
I am still in disbelief of our dear friend, Jim's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Jack and I will always remember our fun times together. The trips and spending time in your home with Brenda and Roger. The six amigos laughing and teasing, so much fun. We will always think of Jim with laughter and fond memories as that is what deep friendship is all about. May he rest in peace and look down on all of us, knowing we will always keep his memory alive. Our love to you Kathy and to your beautiful family.
Jack and Joan

Jack and Joanie - July 26, 2015 at 08:55 AM



“ Kathy,
Rosie and I are sad to hear your family lost Jim but there is no doubt in our minds he earned his way into heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love,
Tom and Rosie Sammon

Tom Sammon - July 26, 2015 at 07:25 AM