



James "Jim" Lee Monahan

June 21, 1938 - January 8, 2014

James "Jim" Lee Monahan, 75, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at a local hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, where a Prayer Service will follow at 11.

Jim was born on June 21, 1938 in Blue Island, Illinois, the oldest of 3 children born to the late James Andrew Monahan and the late Kathleen Sullivan Monahan. After graduation, he would meet Grace Gloria Beck at a local dance. They would marry and the family grow with addition of 5 children.

In 1976, he would move the family to Grand Prairie where he would start AAA-1 Enterprises. He would excel as a salesman, working for various employers including Graff Chevrolet and U Haul.

He had a special love for his many civic activities. He would be involved in community boards and organizations, including the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters International and Visits with Santa Claus. He was recently honored as "Parliamentarian of the Year" by Texas State Association of Parliamentarians.

Those who will miss most dearly include his loving wife of fifty-two years, Grace Beck Monahan; children, Jeanette Monahan McElroy and her husband Patrick, Renae Monahan Spiegel and her husband Hal, Kathleen Monahan Kaferle and her husband Robert, Sean Monahan and his wife Renee'; 9 grandchildren; brother, Pat Monahan and his wife Pat.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Tom Monahan and a daughter, Michelle.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations to the Jim Monahan Memorial Fund, account number 381780-30, c/o Jacob Rawlins, Texas Trust Credit Union, 2501 Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, Texas, 76010.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HT

“ For 35 years Jim was a go-to guy for business suggestions. He was more than that, of course, a great friend. We will all miss him.

Hal Thurow - January 15, 2014 at 11:20 AM

TD

“ Tom & I have known Jim since I was 18. I was in their wedding party. Grace & I went to High School together. I was so surprised when she said that she was marrying Jim Monahan. I couldn't believe that we were old enough to get married, but she did and their life together began. There isn't enough paper to tell all the stories that lay ahead for them.

Our kids played together a lot. We played cards, did a camping trip through Texas, that was a blast. Jim did the navigating, he did teach me a thing or two about reading a map.

We visited each other many times. He was always there for many people. We were more than friends we were family. God be with them all. The celebration of his memory will continue for an eternity."..

Tom & Shontsine Dyer

Tom & Shontsine Dyer - January 11, 2014 at 01:11 PM

MS

“ *The Smith Family, Mary Beth, Scott, Penny and Brian will be praying for your family and treasuring all of the fun times we had in Chicago with you, and the great visit a few years ago when Jim and Grace came to Phoenix.*

Some funny memories: Kool-Aid mixed in Grace's tiny portable washer and the wonderful dinner we had with the Monahans when I brought a blueberry pie to bake for dessert and we put it on a sled on the porch to cool and the dog ate the whole center out of it.

When we sold our mobile home and had to wait to move, Jim and Grace offered to let us live with them in their mobile home with our 3 kids and theirs!!!! We didn't need to do it, but that shows how kind and generous they have always been! Love to all, and we think Jim and Bud are probably having a wonderful reunion in Heaven!!!!

Mary Beth Smith - January 11, 2014 at 12:09 PM

JC

“ *Jannie C. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James "Jim" Lee Monahan.*



Jannie C. - January 11, 2014 at 10:47 AM

IG

“ *Irma and Jannie*

My heart and prayers go out to the Monahan family during time. My god comfort you give you peace meet all of you needs.

Irma Gilbert - January 10, 2014 at 10:39 PM

MJ

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Mark James - January 10, 2014 at 09:16 PM

MJ

“ *I met Jim through the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce in 2005. He and I became friends as we discussed our businesses and became to know each other. Jim was intrigued with our visits from Santa program, during the year in 2006 we discussed Santa visits almost every time we met. We were expanding our visits that year and Jim and I discussed he and Grace becoming part of our team. Well they did and what a wonderful Santa and Mrs. Claus they made, they were a hit from their first event and every one thereafter. Jim's reputation as a Santa was admirable to say the least. Since that first event until his last one on Christmas Eve 2012 he and Grace touched the hearts of hundreds of children and their families. We at Double Eagle Services, Inc. will miss Jim, he was an asset to us. Personally, I have lost a great friend which I will greatly miss. Jim rest in peace my friend.*

*Mark E. James and Patricia N. James
Owners
Double Eagle Services, Inc.
and www.visitsfromsanta.com*

Mark James - January 10, 2014 at 08:45 PM

CY

“ While I did not know Mr Monahan, he must have been pretty great because I know one of his daughters and her family. Kathleen Kaferle, with Robert have raised 3 terrific kids: Alex, Ian, and Elliot. My prayers for the whole family are for God to wrap His arms around each one for comfort and support as they grieve this man.
Cindy Young

Cindy Young - January 10, 2014 at 05:34 PM

PH

“ My heart and prayers go out to the Monahan family. Jim was a wonderful man and I am blessed that I met him through Toastmasters. He will be missed, especially by current and past members of the World Renowned Grand Prairie Toastmasters Club. He was a true friend.

Peggy Holloway - January 10, 2014 at 04:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Monahan.



January 10, 2014 at 04:18 PM



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January 10, 2014 at 02:47 PM

CJ

“ Jim was introduced to our family through Visits with Santa. His kindness and humor brought a special gift to our Christmas celebration.

Carrie Justice - January 10, 2014 at 11:45 AM

PL

“ Could it really be almost 40 years since we played double pinochle with Jim and Grace? ...or went camping with them and all the kids, the Monahan girls and the Rehfeldt boys?

So many memories of those precious times when our preschoolers played together in the wading pool - or in the sand box - or decided to "cook" the buds of the irises in their little pots and pans. I have to smile at all these precious memories!

I also remember the blizzard of 1967 and being snowed in for almost a week while I was pregnant and due to deliver at any moment. The guys took the kids on sleds to buy bread and milk, but could only get powdered milk, flour, and yeast. We baked our own bread. Western Avenue was finally cleared in time for me to get to the hospital for Chris to be born. Grace ended up there too, but it was a false alarm, and Kathleen waited to be born over a month later.

We shared so many wonderful times before you decided to opt for warmer weather in Texas. I'm sorry that we haven't been able to share more time together in recent years.

My memories of Jim and the whole family could fill a book. Those memories will live on.

Penny Lord - January 10, 2014 at 12:20 AM



I remember you all foundly, too. Kathleen and I talked about getting married and having lots of kids. I don't know if she remembers me kissing her when I was 5. I remember visiting you all when I was in college and the University of Illinois Concert Choir travelled to Texas. I was searching for things and ran across this and just had to comment.

Christopher Rehfeldt - January 04, 2023 at 05:09 AM

LM

“ *Jim was a special gift to us all. He made us laugh and smile with his jokes, his playfulness and his enthusiasm for life. Everyone loved Jim because he loved every one of his friends. I was fortunate to have known him these past 17 years as a Toastmaster, a fellow Parliamentarian and as a generous Christian man.*

Leonard Malley - January 09, 2014 at 06:28 PM

DP

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Diana Patton - January 09, 2014 at 06:24 PM

DP

“ *Jim is one of the most amazing men I've ever known. I knew him through Toastmasters and he saved my life at least twice at the District business meeting. I'll never forget his dedication to members of District 25. Not just his club but many others that he mentored. There weren't too many things in Toastmasters that he wasn't a part of. He continued to compete as well as even another DTM in June of 2013. I'm so glad that I knew this amazing individual.*
Diana Patton

Diana Patton - January 09, 2014 at 06:23 PM



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Carrie Justice - January 10, 2014 at 11:41 AM