



## James Lynn Trickey

August 18, 1942 - April 2, 2024

James "Jim" Lynn Trickey, 81, of Cape Girardeau -- a beloved spouse, father, grandfather and friend -- laid down his working tools Tuesday, April 2, 2024, and passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family.

Jim, affectionately known as Trickey, was born to Jack and Rea Fern Trickey Sr. Aug. 18, 1942, in Cape Girardeau.

Growing up, Jim enjoyed spending his time with family, tinkering with and racing his hot rod and playing sports with friends.

Jim attended kindergarten through college at the same school: College Elementary to College High and on to Southeast Missouri State College. After graduating from what he coined "The Harvard of the Midwest" and majoring in physics and mathematics, Jim had successful careers as a journey lineman and electrical engineer for Missouri Utilities, a lobbyist for Missouri Utilities, a national accounts executive for Heilman Brewing Co., a branch manager for Kaman Corp., and owned and operated Maeco, Inc.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jim was also proud of starting the Del-Taire Pilot's Club, being president of the Toastmasters Club and following in his father's legacy by being initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in February 1965. Jim went on to pass his degree of Fellow

Craft in June 1965 and rose to the degree of Master Mason in August 1965. As a lifetime Craft member at St. Mark's Lodge 93 in Cape Girardeau, Jim was able to witness the raising of his brother, son and nephew to the Craft.

However, his greatest accomplishment was the pride he took in his children and grandchildren and the relationships he had with his wife and close friends.

Throughout his life, Jim was known for his gentle spirit, unwavering kindness and caring heart. As a member of Centenary Methodist Church, Jim was dedicated to caring for others. He approached his life with diligence, integrity, humor and a commitment to doing things the right way. His passion for helping others was evident in every task he undertook and every life he touched. Jim's love for life was infectious, and he embraced each day with a sense of enjoyment and gratitude. Whether it was enjoying the beauty of nature while flying his own plane, indulging in his favorite hobbies of reading about World War II history, dancing to Chuck Berry with his wife, playing golf or simply spending time with family and friends, Jim found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Jim cherished being a loving spouse, devoted father and loyal friend. He created countless cherished memories with his family and friends, always offering a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on and words of advice.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Tina Trickey, and his children, Jason (Tia) Trickey and Heather Cato. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Gracen Trickey, Greta Shipman and Alexis Trickey; a brother, Jack (Jean Ann) Trickey Jr.; three nieces, Stephanie (Cary) Hirner, Tricia (Derek) Miller and Brandy (Chris) Webb; a nephew, Jack Trickey III; sister-in-law, Pam (Perry) Evans, brother-in-law, Rick Voelker and close friend, Paige Pontarolo; also, a wide circle of family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James Trickey II; a granddaughter, Logan Trickey; a nephew, Lance Evans; as well as his

grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, with a celebration of Jim's life to follow, at Centenary Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Francis Hospice or Centenary Methodist Church in honor of Jim's lifelong commitment to serving others.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Methodist Church  
300 North Ellis Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Celebration of Life

APR **13**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Methodist Church  
300 North Ellis Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Lynn Trickey.



April 17, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Premier Physical Therapy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lynn Trickey.

Premier Physical Therapy - April 17, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Deanna, Bob and Alex purchased the Enduring G race for the family of James Lynn Trickey.



Deanna, Bob and Alex - April 11, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Deanna, Bob and Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lynn Trickey.

Deanna, Bob and Alex - April 11, 2024 at 09:02 PM

KM

“ Tina and family,  
My heart is sad to hear about Jim’s passing.  
He is in the presence of the Lord. What a wonderful legacy he has  
left for everyone. I’m unable to be with you, but please know I’m  
there in spirit. May God’s loving arms surround you all and give you  
peace that passes all understanding.  
Love in Christ, your friend, Karen McClendon

Karen McClendon - April 11, 2024 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ I am sorry to hear this news. He worked with my Mom at Missouri  
Utilities in the engineering department and she always thought  
highly of him. In fact, through his insistence, I attended College  
High. He was one of the good guys and will be missed.

Skip Smallwood - April 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for  
the family of James Lynn Trickey.



April 10, 2024 at 03:15 PM

JH

“ Tina, "Deeb" and Heather....I am truly sorry for your loss. My  
prayers are with you.

John Hodges - April 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM

SO

“ Tina, and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.....*



Susie Pickett O'Connell - April 10, 2024 at 10:38 AM

RW

“ Randy and Juanita Weibrecht purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Lynn Trickey.



Randy and Juanita Weibrecht - April 10, 2024 at 09:27 AM

RM

“ I remember Trickey from the time that he sold popcorn at the Brokerage, our time in chemistry at SEMO, the time of giving me the nick name of "BIRDSHIT"... to the hours that we spent trying on how to fly under the old Cape bridge without getting caught.... .very blessed friendship of over 70 years ...ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME ,,,,MAC

Richard McAdoo - April 10, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JC

*Jim leaves behind a great legacy ! He was a gentle giant to all who knew him. Love and prayers to all his family.*

Jane Clark - April 10, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MO

“ *A special soul in every way.*



Molly - April 10, 2024 at 08:29 AM

VW

“ *May his memory be eternal*



Vince Wingo - April 10, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lynn Trickey.*



April 09, 2024 at 07:54 PM

JF

“ *Jack Trickey Jr and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lynn Trickey.*

Jack Trickey Jr and family - April 09, 2024 at 07:54 PM

SV

“ Jim was a nice, kind, person and my neighbor who lived across the street. Since I am elderly, he would make sure I was doing all right and check to see if I needed anything. He was a special person and neighbor, and his wife Tina still is. God Bless both of them.

*Favorite Saying: "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is turning out the*

*lamp because the dawn has come."*

*Sincerely,*

*Sue Vogelsanger*

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**Ssue Vogelsanger** - April 09, 2024 at 02:25 PM