



James K. Thatcher Jr.

February 28, 1939 - March 24, 2022

James K. Thatcher, Jr. 83, of Hampshire, passed away Thursday morning, March 24, 2022, at Northwestern Hospital in Huntley.

Jim was born Feb. 28, 1939, in Chicago the son of James K. Sr. and Esther (Johnson) Thatcher. He was a graduate of the 1957 Class of Parker High School in Chicago and a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. He married Donna Rosenwinkel on July 21, 1973, in Addison, where they resided until they moved to Hampshire in 1997. Jim worked for IBM in Chicago for 30 years.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer (Brian) Lemke, and Stacey (Michael) Rice; his four grandchildren, Tyler & Noah Lemke, and James & Emily Rice, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Donna; and two sisters, Barbara (Thomas) Mirabella, and Sharon (Bill) Feltes.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 30 at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St. in Hampshire followed by Naval Military Honors.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 PM at the funeral home and will continue Wednesday prior to services from 10 to 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be directed to Navy Wounded Warrior at <http://www.navywoundedwarrior.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home
284 Park St.
Hampshire, IL 60140
(847) 683-2711
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 29, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 28, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 28, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 28, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 28, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 27, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *The Somen's and the Becker's purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



The Somen's and the Becker's - March 27, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



March 27, 2022 at 06:41 AM

JG

“ John and Gloria Grantman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..



John and Gloria Grantman - March 26, 2022 at 01:56 PM

GG

“ Jim was a friend of ours for over 50 years. We each had the opportunity to work with Jim at one time or another. We have so many fond memories of the guy that always looked so serious but had a wicked sense of humor. Our daughter remembers being at an IBM Christmas Party in downtown Chicago where Jim sucked on helium and talked to her in a squeaky cartoon voice. Everyone was laughing hysterically because it was so out of character for the man we worked with. Such a loss for everyone who knew him. We are sending you prayers. John & Gloria Grantman



Gloria Grantman - March 26, 2022 at 01:46 PM

SR

What a fun memory, Gloria! Dad did fun stuff like that all the time, even more so with his grandchildren or after a few cold ones. Thank you for sharing the picture too.

stacey rice - March 26, 2022 at 03:34 PM



Stacey and I loved those IBM Christmas parties! My dad was a quiet observer but man, he had the best one liners and dad jokes! Thanks for sharing the fun memory Gloria!

Jen Lemke - March 26, 2022 at 09:52 PM

MV

*My sympathy to you and your family, Stacey.
Mary Valsa, Phill's Mom*

Mary Valsa - March 28, 2022 at 12:11 PM

SR

Thank you, Mary!!

stacey rice - March 28, 2022 at 08:01 PM

JR

Thank you to Stacey for marrying our son Mike so we could know both Jim and Donna. We will never forget the good time we had in Hawaii with them. Rest in Peace.

Jim and Kathy Rice - March 29, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JE

“ *JIM & CATHY ECONOMOS purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James K. Thatcher Jr..*



JIM & CATHY ECONOMOS - March 26, 2022 at 01:35 PM