



James "Jim" W. Vimont

June 27, 1950 - February 23, 2024

James "Jim" W. Vimont, 73, of Kearney, Neb. passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:00 am Thursday, February 29, 2024 at the Kearney E-Free Church with Pastor John Fowler officiating. Please visit www.kearneyefree.com/live to view a livestream of the service. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, Neb. with military rites provided by the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team and the North Platte Veterans Group. Memorials are suggested to Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorial-page/jim-vimont-kearney-ne/>. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Jim was born on June 27, 1950 in Seattle, Wash. to John and Miriam (Gibson) Vimont. He attended Tuscola High School in Waynesville, NC and graduated with the class of 1969. Jim served his country as a member of the United States Army. He later attended and graduated from Greenville College in Illinois. He married Twyla M. Johnson on August 11, 1979 in Fountain, Colo. Jim worked for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service for 22 years, relocating to numerous states throughout his career. He was a dedicated husband, father, and church member. Jim and Twyla lived in Yakima, Wash.

for 20 years before moving to Kearney in 2021, when he was diagnosed with glioblastoma cancer. Jim fought for almost 3 years, beating the odds, and modeling deep faith and a grateful attitude. He was a member of the Kearney E-Free Church where he continued his dedication to serving.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Twyla Vimont of Kearney; children Heather (Josh) Carlson of Washington, Miriam (Jonathan) Nikkila of Kearney, Nathanael (Ann) Vimont of California, Christian (Michaela) Vimont of Washington, and 12 grandchildren. Also his brothers Burt (Cindy) Vimont, Delmer (Charlene) Vimont, and Paul (Elaine) Vimont.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, John and Miriam, sister Janice, sister Mary, and brother John.

Cemetery Details

Ft. McPherson National Cemetery

12004 South Spur 56 A
Maxwell, NE 69151

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church
4010 7th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Funeral Service

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church
4010 7th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ft. McPherson National Cemetery
12004 South Spur 56 A
Maxwell, NE 69151

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Love, Mike and Emily Mace purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of James "Jim" W. Vimont.



Love, Mike and Emily Mace - February 28, 2024 at 05:10 PM

TB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Vimont family. Jim was a real blessing to know, and I always remember him with a smile on his face.

Teresa Ballamis - February 28, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TG

“ Ted and Cathy Geier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" W. Vimont.

Ted and Cathy Geier - February 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

TG

“ Ted and Cathy Geier purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" W. Vimont.



Ted and Cathy Geier - February 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

YC

“ your FX Kitchen Crew purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" W. Vimont.



your FX Kitchen Crew - February 27, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DV

“ Our deepest sympathy for your earthly loss of Jim. We have many found memories of our times in Laredo with all five of you. We rejoice in Jim finishing the race with his faith and Hope in our Lord Jesus Messiah.
Thankful for every moment we have had with you guys. Look forward to all being together in eternity. Love ya Twyla and all the Vimont family members.
lovingly Dave and Syd VerMilyea

David VerMilyea - February 27, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of James "Jim" W. Vimont.



February 26, 2024 at 10:15 PM

MK

“ Jim was such a gracious man. He was a man of God, a dedicated Christian, and loved his wife and kids so much. He was full of fun, and witty. Phil and I loved going to Jim and Twyla's house for the Super Bowl, and being together for dinners and fun events. Jim and Twyla were dedicated to furthering the Gospel. Heaven is richer and earth poorer with his departure. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Mary Ann Kerr - February 26, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DG

“ Deb Gorman here, from Yakima WA. Jim and Twyla and their family have been dear friends of ours for many years. I'd like to share a precious memory of Jim.

In 2007, Jim and I, along with a team of folks, traveled to Vietnam to work with people who needed medical care. My husband, Alan, made Jim promise to watch over me and bring me back safely. :) And he did. While I helped in the clinics, Jim worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure we had what we needed. The vision I have in my mind, looking across a crowded school courtyard, is of a very tall, American man surrounded by Vietnamese families who needed his help.

Jim was a gentle giant of a man with a heart of gold. Our prayers are with his family and friends. We're sad for them, but not for Jim! We know where he is and what he's doing. And we will see him again.

Deb Gorman - February 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM