



James Robert Eakman

April 29, 1945 - January 12, 2014

James Robert Eakman was born April 29, 1945 to Harold and Betty (Powell) Eakman. Following graduation from Catholic Central High School in Springfield, Ohio in 1963, Jim attended Ohio State University. In 1966, Jim was drafted to the Vietnam War and served his country two years in the U.S. Army.

In 1968, Jim married Karen (Knell) and after graduating from Ohio State University, became a teacher and athletic director at Olentangy High School in Delaware, Ohio. In 1974, Jim and Karen moved to Kailua, Hawaii and became members of the St. John Vianney Parish.

In Hawaii, Jim continued his profession in education for 36 years, mainly as a teacher at Maryknoll High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. During that time he took numerous trips to Russia with his Advanced Placement students.

Jim passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2014. He is survived by his wife Karen, mother Betty, brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Janet, daughter and her family Lisa, Rob, Gabriel, Ke'alahilani, and Kona'ihilani.

A private memorial will be conducted at St Brigid Catholic Church in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at a future date

Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Eakman*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Tom and Mrs. Eakman on the death of Jim. I remember Tom and Jim always being together (as often as allowed) at St. Rays. Although being a classmate of Tom's, I should have realized they were not actually twins.*

Your entire family is in my prayers. God bless you all. Jesus said "Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow Me and I will give you rest". Rest in peace Jim.

Nikki (Reiss) Beach



Nikki Beach - January 17, 2014 at 10:18 PM



“ *I am very sad after hearing of my good friend Jim's passing. It brings to mind the many laughs and good times we had in high school and at Ohio State. I will carry all these memories in my heart for the rest of my days. My life is better for having known him.*

My heartfelt condolences to Karen, Lisa, Tom, and Betty. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Martin Anastasi

Martin Anastasi - January 16, 2014 at 01:14 PM

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“ I felt very privileged to share Jim's last few hours with Karen. I felt fortunate the Holy Spirit gave us an inclination of what was to come, & that Karen was able to be with him. Praying God's peace & comfort over Karen in these next days. Grateful that Jim now rests in Jesus' mighty arms- a rest well-earned. Love- Joeline Starkey RN

Joeline Starkey - January 16, 2014 at 04:59 AM

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“ It is hard to share just one memory of my brother - I could write for days. Jim was a great brother - we never fought or became angry with one another. Since I was younger, he protected me in many ways. If I was to express one thought of Jim's influence in my life, it would have to be when we were in college. I was a straight laced NROTC guy and Jim was one of the students who, in the 60s, challenged society on its views of civil rights, free speech, and more. He taught me compassion and to set wrongs right. His example made me challenge my own beliefs, and I too, became an activist. I developed a passion for social justice - a gift Jim gave me that defined my future and burns within me to this day. Thanks, Jim, for everything. Love, Tom (his little brother)

Tom Eakman - January 16, 2014 at 12:16 AM