



## James Fielding Roller Jr

November 25, 1935 - November 10, 2020

James Fielding “Jim” Roller, Jr., 84, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. He was born on November 25, 1935 to James Fielding Roller, Sr., and Anna Francis (Hamlin) Roller in Rosston, Oklahoma. Jim was a graduate of Fort Supply High School before graduating from Ponca City School of Nursing in 1959 and Southwest Missouri School of Anesthesia in Springfield, Missouri in 1962.

He married the love of his life, Rita Marie Feist, on January 3, 1959 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Medford, Oklahoma. They shared over 61 years of life, love and marriage together.

As a nurse anesthetist, Jim served his country as an officer for 15 years in the U.S.A.F. and was honorably discharged at the rank of Major. He then worked at Muskogee VA Hospital for another 15 years. He also did locum tenums for 5 years on Indian Reservations in the southwest and later at the Triad Eye Institute in Muskogee and Tulsa for 15 years more before finally retiring to his books, history channel and greenhouse.

He loved his family very much and enjoyed spending time with them. He will be missed deeply by everyone who knew and loved him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James, Sr. and Anna Roller; Rita’s parents, Ben and Elma Feist; and daughter, Jennifer Roller Gillespie.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rita of the home; daughters, Ann Stewart and husband Mike of Muskogee, OK, Janet Mavers and husband Doug of Broken Arrow, OK, and Jama Mitchell and husband Mark of Wichita, KS;

grandson, James Stewart of Oklahoma City, OK; granddaughters, Melissa McLain and husband Wade of Fort Gibson, OK, and Tiffany Morris and husband Chris of Bel Aire, KS; great-granddaughter, Brooke Morris of Bel Aire, KS; cousin, Aloha Lynn Harris and husband Larry, sweet kitty Boo Boo, as well as many other family members and friends.

A rosary will be 7PM-8PM, Monday, November 16, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

A celebration of Jim's life will be 10:30AM, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with celebrant Father Richard Cristler officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery.

Funeral Services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made to the family online at <http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com>.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV 16. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Memorial Service

NOV 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
301 N. Virginia St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Fielding Roller Jr*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Rita,*  
*I just recently stumbled on Jim's obituary. I was heart broken to see that he had passed away. Jim was one of the finest people I've come to know. He was responsible for me wanting to become a nurse anesthetist. He was such an excellent role model. I'll always remember the times we had at McConnell AFB in Wichita and spending time with you and Jim and the girls. You both are such a great couple and I know you will miss him. Pat and I will keep you in our prayers. God bless you, Rita. If there is anything we can do for you don't hesitate to let us know.*

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**Tom and Pat Yakich** - September 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Dad taught me I can do anything a boy can and you're not going to get anything on your hands you can't wash off. After my first fight in school, he said he'd be mad if I hadn't fought back. And a surprisingly pleasant mantra we all grew up with regarding the phone, "keep it short, I'm on call". Well, he's on call 24/7 now. I love you Dad.*

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**Ann Roller Stewart** - November 18, 2020 at 04:49 PM

MH

“ Rita and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jim for 5 months at Triad Eye Clinic. He was always friendly, upbeat, and helpful to me. I also, enjoyed seeing him at Church. He was such a good man!  
Mary Hoopes

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**Mary Hoopes** - November 16, 2020 at 12:07 PM

RM

“ Rita and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Jim and I worked at The Veterans hospital together. We had some good times and some not so good times. I'm sure he would come home and feel your ears with complaints about the chief we worked for. He was always the calm who kept us sane. He will be missed. The world has become less with his passing.  
Rita Muckala

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**Rita Muckala** - November 14, 2020 at 04:48 PM

GD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful man and he will be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Joanne and Gil Davidson*

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**Gil and Joanne Davidson** - November 14, 2020 at 10:44 AM

PB

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to Rita, the love of his life, and to Ann, his daughter. May you find strength in those tangible memories of his life. I truly miss seeing you, Miss Rita, at our polling place and working with Ann during tax season. You are a beautiful family that God loves. May you find comfort and peace in the love you shared with him as a spouse and dad. I love you!!!

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**Perline Boyattia-Craig** - November 14, 2020 at 07:19 AM

BP

“ Jim was a very sweet man. I always enjoyed visiting with him when I worked at Cobblestone Golf Course. Praying for his sweet wife.

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**Bobbie Perceful** - November 14, 2020 at 07:03 AM