



## James Gutchewsky

February 1, 1945 - March 4, 2016

### JAMES "GUTCH" GUTCHEWSKY

James "Jim" Francis Gutchewsky, 71, shared his final captivating smile and peacefully passed away surrounded by family on Friday, March 4, 2016 in Kirkwood, Missouri. He was born February 1, 1945 to Joseph and Bernice (Hafner) Gutchewsky in Omaha, Nebraska. On November 25, 1967 he married Jean Kathryn Heinz in Quincy, Illinois.

Survivors include his loving wife and soulmate Jean; his son, Daniel James (Kimberly) Gutchewsky of Webster Groves, his daughter, Lynn Gutchewsky (Douglas) Raines of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; 3 beloved grandchildren Michael James, Mia Grace and Annie James Shiloh; 2 sisters Sr. Helene Gutchewsky of St. Louis and Judy Gutchewsky of Kirkwood; 1 brother Frank (Dee) Gutchewsky of Omaha; sister-in-law Connie Williams; brother-in-law Kenneth (Veronica) Heinz; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother- and father-in-law Kathryn and John Heinz; 2 brothers Joseph (Jan Pollard) and Jack (Mary) Gutchewsky; and brother-in-law Thomas Williams.

Jim "Gutch" enjoyed spending time with his family, volunteering, fishing and

traveling. His legacy is full of his joyfulness, bountiful good nature, humor, love of family and zest for enjoying every simple moment. Jim modeled how to give without expecting in return. He taught that “things” in life are not important; people are. Jim embodied the teachings of the Franciscan order as he studied with the Franciscans for eight years prior to his marriage.

#### A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument  
of your peace.

Where there is hatred

let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may

not so much seek to be

consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born

to eternal life.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oak Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery at 10301 Big Bend Road in Kirkwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Open Door Animal Sanctuary at <http://odas.org> or Franciscan Charities at <http://www.franciscancharities.org>



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood  
10301 Big Bend Road  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
(314) 965-8228  
info@stlfuneral.com  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Gutchewsky*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Joel, Sarah, Addy, Hayden, and Lily Uerling purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



**Joel, Sarah, Addy, Hayden, and Lily Uerling** - March 18, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mel and Pam Kimlinger and Family purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



**Mel and Pam Kimlinger and Family** - March 17, 2016 at 09:16 PM



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**Pam Kimlinger** - March 17, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



March 17, 2016 at 07:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



March 14, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ *Kathy, Linda, Judy, Susan and Christine purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



**Kathy, Linda, Judy, Susan and Christine** - March 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Frank Gutchewsky & Family purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of James Gutchewsky.*



**Frank Gutchewsky & Family** - March 09, 2016 at 02:12 PM

PA

“ Dear Jean and family.....I want to express my deepest of sympathy to you and your family. Jim was such a sweet and kind man, and will sorely be missed by many. I have no words to comfort you at this sad time in your life, but hold on to the knowledge that Jim will always, and forever, live on in your hearts.

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**Pat Albritton** - March 09, 2016 at 12:54 PM

SR

“ Mr gutch there's not enough words to express how much a great father grand dad leader sweet compassionate Man U were thanks for the wonderful times shared God received his angel back until we all meet again May u rest in paradise and fly high in the sky 🙏🙏 u will be truly missed. Stephanie and the kids

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**stephanie roberts** - March 08, 2016 at 10:02 PM

SL

“ Jean, I am so sorry to hear about Gutch. He was such a lovely, uplifting man. It was always a pleasure to look up and see him, he was so helpful and a pleasure to be around. You and your family are in my prayers. God bless you.

*Stella Luedde*

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**Stella Luedde** - March 08, 2016 at 09:01 PM

TN

“ We are so sorry of the passing of my Uncle Jim. He was a great guy full of love and laughter. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is now pain free of cancer and in heaven with my dad Jack and Uncle Joe. We love you very much. Aunt Jean, Danny, Kim and Michael Gutchewsky; Lynn, Doug, Mia and Annie Raines you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you always Tammy and Kendal Neal Katrina and Jimmy.

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**Tammy Neal** - March 08, 2016 at 07:27 PM

CA

“ my. wife. took.me over to jean and jims house to.meet.them.i.remeber.seeing. ther.dog.shomas jean and jim. were. kind and friendly jean you and you'er.famley.are. in.my.thoughts and paryers;

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**carlpfeifer** - March 08, 2016 at 07:10 PM

CH

“ I clean for Jim and Jean Jim remind me of his brother Tom Willmas he was always busy doing something like working out in the yard or working in the basement making things for his grand children I remember him making a doll house for his grand daughter he was a great person and he will be missed my husband Jerry met him and liked Jim our pereys are with Jean and her family

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**Charlenepfeifer** - March 08, 2016 at 06:36 PM

DM

“ We were so very sorry to hear that Jim passed away. He had a smile that just lit up the room and always so nice and kind to everyone. We are sorry for your loss but know it is peaceful thinking that he passed away so easily and is in God's arms. God bless all of you. I wish we could be there but Ed is just back from knee replacement and now I have an awful cold that you sure don't need. Blessings to all of you! Ed and Dianne Magnusson



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**Dianne and Ed Magnusson** - March 08, 2016 at 04:01 PM

ML

“ Larry and I were so fortunate to meet Jim and Jean through our Scotties. I so enjoyed our visits together and watching pictures of Jim and Jean with their grandkids. He will be greatly missed. What a friend and kind soul to all humans and animals alike. My heart goes out to all his family grieving.

*Larry, Mary, Gillis and Gordon*

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**Mary Lauber** - March 07, 2016 at 06:38 PM