



James L. McKown Jr.

March 30, 1930 - September 25, 2023

James L McKown Jr., a proud St. Louisan, passed away on September 25, 2023. Jim was born at St. Louis Maternity Hospital to Virginia and James L. McKown Sr. on March 30, 1930. He was a lifelong sportsman, starting with being named a North County All Star in basketball in 1947 and 1948 while at Ferguson High School. As an adult Jim regularly played tennis and golf, scoring four holes-in-one, and playing golf until age 92. Jim graduated from Mizzou in 1953 where he was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He then went into the insurance business where he became a successful insurance broker. In 1956, on a short detour in Cleveland, Ohio he met and married the love of his life, Carol L. Drab. Jim and Carol had a wonderful life together, playing golf and tennis at Greenbriar Hills Country Club, at their home in Naples, Florida, and traveling extensively across the USA and Western Europe. After Carol passed away in 2015 Jim took each of his five grandchildren on different trips including London, Pebble Beach and a cruise through the Panama Canal. Jim had many wonderful and caring friends from all aspects of his life including Greenbriar and Conway Investment Syndicate. No one had a greater love of life than Jim McKown.

Jim is survived by his daughter Joan McKown (James Brigagliano), son James L. McKown III (Nanette), five grandchildren, Claire McKown, James L. McKown IV (MinJeong Kim), John Brigagliano (Ella), Sara Brigagliano (Andrew Savarese), Elizabeth McKown (fiancé Brian Bui), one great-

grandchild Callie Brigagliano, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, wife, sister Carol Wilshusen, and sister in law and brothers in law. The family wishes to express it's sincere gratitude to the staff at Manor Grove Nursing Home. Jim commented frequently how wonderful his care was at Manor Grove.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, Missouri on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 10am. A gathering of friends and family will be held after the service at Grace Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Grace Episcopal Endowment Fund, 514 E. Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, Mo 63122, or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church
514 E. Argonne Drive
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. McKown Jr..

October 07, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James L. McKown Jr..



October 07, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Greenbriar Friends



Tom Calhoun - October 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM



Thank you very much for posting these. Mom and dad loved all their wonderful friends at Greenbriar!

Jim McKown - October 11, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James L. McKown Jr..*



October 05, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James L. McKown Jr..*



October 05, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *I feel so blessed to have this man as my Uncle, will miss him so much, he was such a great story teller and loved his life and enjoyed his family and friends. Until we meet again! ❤️*



Robin Sheffer - October 04, 2023 at 03:46 PM



Robin, dad adored you and we appreciate all you've done over the years but especially this last year. Jim

Jim McKown - October 20, 2023 at 05:06 PM

LH

“ My husband and I met Jimmy at GBHCC about 12 years ago. What a special guy he was...always upbeat and smiling! Always asked how you and your family were doing and was open for a lovely conversation. I lucked out because he was at the same home (Manor Grove) as my father, so I was able to visit him a hand full of times. Man...still sharp but the ole bode was tired...:(While I was sad to hear of his passing, I felt he knew he had lived a WONDERFUL FULL LIFE!! Played golf in his 90's and still drove!?!? Wow... he was something! He talked a lot about his wonderful children and grandchildren...he was so proud of ALL of them. When I sat in his room, I felt the love he had for all of them and of course golf and Mizzou! :) I would be remiss to not mention what a snazzy, great dresser he was...even when he was at Manor Grove...he made me smile... You will be missed Jimmy, but NEVER forgotten...XOXO Gary and Linda Muenster

Linda Harman - October 03, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JM

Linda, that is so kind. Thanks for taking the time to write this! Jim McKown 3

Jim McKown - October 20, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James L. McKown Jr..



October 02, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James L. McKown Jr..

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“ Diane Savarese, Peter Henry, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L. McKown Jr..

Diane Savarese, Peter Henry, and family - October 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Diane Savarese, Peter Henry, and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James L. McKown Jr..



Diane Savarese, Peter Henry, and family - October 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Jim was one of my oldest and best friends. We were fraternity brothers at Mizzou and were good friends with he and Carol in St. Louis and Naples. We played a lot of golf together and he was on two of my trips to Scotland and Ireland. We also played a lot of gin rummy and bridge. He was a great guy and I will miss him..

Bob Swearingen - October 01, 2023 at 11:26 AM



Thanks for the kind comments, Bob. Those golfing trips with you were among the top highlights of his life and he valued your friendship too.
Jim

Jim - October 01, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James L. McKown Jr..* ”



September 29, 2023 at 12:42 PM