



## James Gervais

August 14, 1944 - June 8, 2019

James Freier Gervais, 74, of Olathe KS, formerly of Chicago IL, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2019. He was born on August 14, 1944 to Joseph F. and Dorothy (nee Freier) Gervais Sr., in Chicago IL.

Jim served our country in the United States Army during 1965-1967 where he was stationed in Germany. He married Carol Ann Gervais (nee Yelli) on September 27th, 1969, where they lived in Chicago until 1977 and then moved to Olathe KS. Jim was a former Senior Sales Executive for the Panasonic/Technics Company before retiring in 2004. He was a parishioner of Prince of Peace Catholic Church and proud to help support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Special Olympics and various U.S. Military organizations.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of forty nine years, Carol Gervais; their daughter Jacqueline Gervais; brothers Joseph F. Gervais Jr. (Lydia), Matthew Gervais, Raymond Gervais, Thomas Gervais, Gregory (Pam) Gervais, Mark Gervais; and his beloved sister Rosemarie Gervais.

Jim was preceded in death by both his parents, Joseph F Gervais Sr. and Dorothy Gervais; and brothers Lawrence Gervais and Alan Gervais.

Although our hearts are broken, Jim's family takes great comfort knowing that he is no longer suffering, and is whole once more, in heaven with our Father.

A visitation will be held for Jim on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 4pm-8pm at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral Mass will be held at 11am on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church 236 Rt. 45 in Indian Creek. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Jim, please visit the Sympathy Store on the funeral home website. For those who'd prefer to make a donation in Jim's name, the family recommends either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Gary Sinise Foundation (Defenders, Veterans, First Responders and their families). For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

Sincerely,

The Gervais Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church  
236 W. Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, IL 60061

## Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church  
236 W. Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, IL 60061

# Tribute Wall



“ *From your Deerfield Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Gervais.* ”



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**From your Deerfield Family** - June 19, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Gervais.* ”



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June 19, 2019 at 11:13 AM

BH

“ As a little girl our big family lived next door to the Gervais family. We lived in these little two story duplexes and could sit in our bedroom window after we were sent to bed and whisper across the sidewalks between our houses to each other. We had 7 girls by the time we moved and the Gervais family had most of their 9 boys and 1 girl. Jim was slightly older than me and we all had crushes on him. As our family grew to 8 girls and 4 boys, so many memories were shared at family parties, birthdays, holidays, dances and more. We built "forts and houses" from refrigerator boxes, learned to climb trees together and had the largest marble hole. Jim usually wiped out our stashes because he was a keen shooter. We have shared the sadness of the loss of Joe and Dot, Alan, and Larry and now Jim. Know that our families are forever wrapped in each other and our sadness is shared at this time. Jim has a place forever in my heart.

*Barbara Hemmingway Houghton*

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**Barbara Hemmingway Houghton** - June 18, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Gervais.



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June 18, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of James Gervais.



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June 17, 2019 at 01:11 PM

JD

“ *Jeli and Diego purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Gervais.*



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**Jeli and Diego** - June 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Gervais.*



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June 15, 2019 at 02:51 PM

JW

“ *Dear Gervais family friends, I am sad to hear about the death of James and offer you my condolences. I'm sure all of my family also shares your sadness. You will be in our thoughts and hearts. Joyce Hemmingway West*

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**Joyce West** - June 15, 2019 at 02:13 PM

LM

“ *Jackie, My heart goes out to you and your family. I wish I could have met your dad, some of the stories you have shared are so full of love and happiness! May God give you all comfort and peace as you travel this hard road.*

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**Lori McFall** - June 14, 2019 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ Jackie, my heart breaks to learn of the passing of your father. I was never fortunate to meet him, but I know how much he meant to you. I can tell that the wonderful qualities you exhibit as a friend and co-worker were inherited from your mom and dad. Take comfort in the happy memories you shared. Keeping you close in my heart and prayers.



Lori Carpenter - June 14, 2019 at 05:39 PM

AP

“ I did not have the pleasure of meeting James but I know that him and Carol raised a wonderful human being in Jackie. My heart goes out to the entire Gervais family - you will continue to be in my prayers.

Adolfo Prado - June 14, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Gervais.



June 14, 2019 at 04:05 PM

JG

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Jackie Gervais - June 14, 2019 at 02:22 PM

SP

*Even though I never met your parents, I knew they had to be the best parents to have had a great daughter like you, Jackie. RIP James Gervais.*

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**Scott and Nancy Place** - June 17, 2019 at 05:25 PM

MV

*Dear Gervais Family,  
I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother Jim. The picture of him smiling is how I always remember him. With his quick wit and funny stories through the years. My heart breaks for all of you and I send my love and hugs to each and everyone of you. Love,  
Margie (Hemmingway) Vasquez*

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**Margie Hemmingway Vasquez** - June 18, 2019 at 09:14 PM

JG

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**Jackie Gervais** - June 14, 2019 at 02:20 PM

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**Jackie Gervais** - June 14, 2019 at 02:18 PM

JG

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**Jackie Gervais** - June 14, 2019 at 02:17 PM

LM

*I love this picture so sweet and pure joy!*

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**Lori McFall** - June 14, 2019 at 10:42 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Jackie Gervais** - June 14, 2019 at 02:13 PM

JB

“ Jim was such a friendly great guy! He always put a smile on my face with a joke or funny comment. He just simply loved life, family and friends! He was so proud of his daughter Jacque and her accomplishments. He would keep me up to date about what she was doing in her jobs in Chicago. Always talking and caring about Carol and the family.

Jim looked forward to the fishing trips with Carol and boasted about how Carol took care of him and piloted the boat. I wasn't sure if it was a joke, but he said she even baited his hook and took the fish off the line. I remember the time Jim entertained us all with a standup comedy routine at a Panasonic meeting. He had us rolling in the aisle.

I will miss our conversations and his wit.

My deepest sympathy to Carol, Jacqueline, and the family.

Jim Bach

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**Jim Bach** - June 14, 2019 at 12:39 PM