



James V. Sailius

May 13, 1937 - January 1, 2020

James Sailius passed peacefully on January 1, 2020 in Napa, California after a long battle with vascular dementia. Jim was born May 13, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating high school, he joined the Marine Corps where he served for four years. While stationed in Balboa, Jim met the love of his life, Sandra, at a party. To hear Jim tell it, Sandy jumped in his lap and it was love at first sight. They married in 1960 and shared 59 happy years making each other laugh and trying to outdo one another answering Jeopardy questions and solving Wheel of Fortune puzzles.

Jim attained his Master's in Computer Engineering in Southern California. In 1976, Jim and Sandy moved their family of five daughters to the beautiful Napa Valley, so he could work at Mare Island. Jim nurtured a lifelong love of history, airplanes, and flying. In that vein, his wife and daughters and their families surprised him for his birthday with a glider ride over Calistoga. Jim loved to read and could spend hours immersed in a spy novel. He was a die-hard 49ers fan, and spent hours cheering on his beloved Warriors team. Jim enjoyed going to the beach, traveling to the Tahoe area, and lounging around in the color red every day that ended with the letter "y".

Jim will be forever loved and missed by his wife, Sandy, his sister Maryann (Ray) of Michigan, his daughters Debi (Thomas) of Germany, Denise (Perry) of Napa, Melissa (Greg) of Oregon, Kim (Bo) of Lodi, and Nikki (Brian) of Petaluma, and his grandchildren Christopher, Nicholas, Kayla, Julia, Laurel, Kyle, Kurtis, Noah, Mikenna, Elijah, and Molly and great-grandchildren Noah, Kaley Rose, Sofia, nieces and nephews, and his faithful Coco. He was predeceased by his parents John and Anna and his sister Betty. A special thank you for the tremendous care provided by Kaiser Hospice Team and caregivers Pierre (Perry) and Rosa.

A rosary will be said in his name at 7:00 pm on January 13 at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home. A mass will be held in his name on January 14 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 10:00 am. Interment to follow at Tulocay Cemetery. A reception will be held at St. John's hall.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish to donate in his memory, donations will be welcomed at Alzheimer's Association, <https://www.alz.org> (Search: Tribute pages, Find a Tribute - James Sailius).

Alzheimer's Association Tribute Page Link:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampions?pxfid=602806&fr_id=1060&pg=fund

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 13. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Memorial Mass

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
981 Napa St.
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 226-9379
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *James V. Sailius*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *James V. Sailius*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *We were sadden to read of Jim's passing. He was a true gentleman and a pleasure to work with. We remember him fondly and send our sympathy to your whole family. Blessing to you during this difficult time. We pray for your peace.*

Sincerely, Carl and Linda Hammond

Carl Hammond - January 11, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Jim's family. Jim was a colleague of mine as we worked together on the MATCALs system on Mare Island for many years. He was a significant contributor to the success of the MATCALs software/system through his leadership and software engineering.*

Ron Irwin - January 10, 2020 at 02:26 PM