



James Michael "Jim" Helm

October 16, 1947 - November 2, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

James Michael (Jim) Helm

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – DONGOLA

106 NW Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

James Michael (Jim) Helm of Dongola returned to God on Nov 2, 2024 while in hospice care at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Jim is a proud 1965 graduate of Dongola High School. He attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and graduated from the School of Business in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He always kept up in touch with fellow members of his business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

After graduation, Jim was employed in public accounting, as well as private industry. Jim worked for several years in Du Quoin and Carbondale before beginning his career in 1978 at Electric Energy Incorporated, a power-generating plant in Joppa. He began work at Electric Energy as an accountant. In 1985, Jim became an officer of the company with his promotion to secretary-treasurer. In 2009, he was named Director of Business Services

and oversaw the departments of accounting services, management services, and human services.

Jim held a 23-year membership in the Edison Electric Institute's Taxation Committee, and has traveled throughout the United States to participate in committee meetings.

Jim served as an adjunct instructor for Shawnee Community College as an accounting professor and was named the Union County Alumus of the Year in 2008 by the Union County Hospital Association where a community member is saluted that has made significant contributions to Union County.

His retirement hobbies included operating his farm and tax service. He was an avid waterfowl hunter and loved hunting at his property, Bryley Ridge Farm.

Jim is survived by his wife, Christine Earnhart Helm and his daughter, Dr. Paige Helm (John) Maginel, his two grandchildren, Henry James Maginel of Dongola and Bryce Helm Massey of Anna, his one sister, Jennifer Helm Flowers of Austin, a brother-in-law, Kenton (Beverly) Earnhart of Dongola. His nieces and nephews include, Dr. John Van (Stacy) Earnhart, Justin (Lori) Earnhart as well as Adrienne (Brett) Jacobsen of Atlanta, Alison (Greg) Blake of Austin. Great nieces and nephew are Alyssa, Lauren, Nicole, Will, Presley, Cate, and Claire.

He was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church and was looking forward to a great reunion with his mother, Anita Brown Helm, who preceded him in death on October 16, 1987.

Services for Jim will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 1:30 PM at Crain Funeral home in Dongola with his beloved nephew Dr. John Earnhart officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00 PM until the time of service.

Interment will follow the funeral service at St. John's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital in his memory as they provided wonderful care for him as a child.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is handling the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

St Johns Rd
Dongola, IL 62926

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
Dongola, IL 62926
866-592-7246
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
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Interment

NOV 5. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The service was beautiful. Jim is so proud of his family. I am a blessed hairdresser, It was my honor to know Jim. I'd told Paige, I go in and act like they are in my chair. I told him what a beautiful drive I had coming in. All about the farmers in their fields. Paige told me “He'd expect nothing less. He says you like to talk :)” “ It is always my honor to do this service. It's literally one of the last things you can do for a loved one. Jim is Home. But will always be near.*

Janet Helton - November 06, 2024 at 12:07 AM

KS

“ *I had the pleasure of being a close friend with Jim for many years. We had many hours of conversation at the Elks Lodge in Anna and several years of participating in the Elks District Golf Tournament “the Z team”, with a lot of fun had by all.*

Been several years since we visited but I've always cherished the years we were friends. Rest well Friend

Kevin L Starr - November 05, 2024 at 04:03 PM

AV

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Jim. I graduated in the class of 65 with him. I remember the fun times we all had! Your family will be in my prayers.*

Ann (Kaufman) VanLoon - November 05, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DW

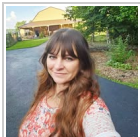
“ To The Family of Jim Helm: I am soooo very thankful to know you thur your wife Mrs. Christine Helm... She brought me as well as the many students the best memories of you and your daughter... What a joy to hear about her precious Jim... I will greatly miss you... Just know that Jesus has a special place for you in Heaven with the Angels in his kingdom... Fly High with the heavenly angels... My thoughts and prayers are with your precious family... Love and prayers, Deanna Wartenbe

Deanna Wartenbe - November 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CB

“ My sympathies to Jennifer, Christine and the rest of the family. Jim graduated with my brother and the played on the basketball team together.

Carmen J Brown - November 04, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ Corzine Insurance Agency, Bradley, Lori and Matt Corzine sent a \$100 donation in Jim's memory to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Lori Corzine Hinkle - November 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM

TA

“ TCSE Board and Adminstration! purchased the S mall Garden Dish for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



TCSE Board and Adminstration! - November 04, 2024 at 03:44 PM

WK

“ Wendy (Jones) Kester purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



Wendy (Jones) Kester - November 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RF

“ Rick Ellis and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



Rick Ellis and family - November 04, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



November 04, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



November 04, 2024 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ *Tim & Elaina Keller and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.*



Tim & Elaina Keller and Family - November 04, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.*



November 04, 2024 at 09:59 AM

AK

“ *Jim and I worked together for 20 years at Electric Energy Inc. He was a trusted friend and advisor who was always ready to pitch in and help wherever needed. His expertise far surpassed his knowledge of accounting and business practices. My condolences to his family and friends. I know he will be missed.*
Alan Kelley

Alan Kelley - November 04, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.*



November 04, 2024 at 09:13 AM

LM

“ *Larry and Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James Helm*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 04, 2024 at 12:20 AM

JE

“ *Uncle Jim was like a second father to me. From my earliest years of my life as a kid where I would walk the path to his home many times a week while learning to swim in his pool to living across the road from him in my adult years and driving over to see him as often as possible while learning how to be a man, uncle Jim was always a constant in my life. Sitting on the "stoop" of their home and talking to him will always be some of my fondest memories of him and with him living close by always was a sign that no matter what happened i was safe and things would always be taken care of. He helped me more than I can ever explain and I'm going to miss him so so much. We love you uncle Jim!*

Justin Earnhart - November 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

DK

“ *Don and Linda Kerr purchased the "Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.*



Don and Linda Kerr - November 03, 2024 at 10:43 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



November 03, 2024 at 09:38 PM



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November 03, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear that you have lost your brother. I too lost my older brother about 15 years ago.

Bonnie j Holman - November 03, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Dwight Flowers purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Michael "Jim" Helm.



Dwight Flowers - November 03, 2024 at 06:08 PM