



## James "Jim" E. Peterson

April 25, 1942 - January 26, 2026

James "Jim" E. Peterson passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Park Forest on Jan. 26, 2026 at the age of 83. Jim is survived by his beloved family: Wife of 58 years, Judy Peterson; daughters: Jennifer (Jerold) Bean of Park Forest, JoAnn (David) Ruiz of Homewood; Grandchildren: Alyssa Peterson, Kayla Bean, Morgan Bean, Myles Bean, Jonathan Ruiz, Aden Ruiz. Great-Grandson, Arthur Jude "A.J." Ruiz; Sister, Donna (Don) Tollefsen; late brother David (Genevieve) Peterson, nieces and nephews: Carl (Helene) Peterson, Russell (Brittany) Peterson, Susan (Dave) Fuhrman, Mary Mertz, Great Nephews and Nieces: Elizabeth (Clint) Chambliss, Chris (Maeko) Kramer, Joe (Tara) Kramer, Jacquelyn Jender, Joshua (Chloe) Mertz, Stetson Peterson, Finley Peterson. Great-Great nephew, Kai Kramer, and his dear cousin, Sally Fortune.

Jim graduated in 1961 from Chicago Vocational High School and worked as a draftsman. He served in the Illinois Army National Guard for 8 years. Jim and Judy married and lived in Blue Island before moving their young family to Park Forest. In 1980 he started Peterson Construction Company that is still in operation today. Jim enjoyed working and never intended to stop. He enjoyed bringing his Blue 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle to the Manteno car show, motorcycles and especially woodworking. He handcrafted many beautiful pieces of furniture, fine and jewelry boxes.

Visitation will be held on Sat., Jan. 31st, from 2:00 p.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 6:00 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, Illinois. For information or to sign guestbook visit [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com) or call Heartland Memorial Center at 708-444-2266.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)**

Kurtz Memorial Chapel (Frankfort)  
65 Old Frankfort Way  
P.O Box 1031  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
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## Funeral service

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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Charlene and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" E. Peterson.

Charlene and family - January 29 at 08:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" E. Peterson.



January 29 at 08:19 PM

WA

“ With love Joseph Tara Ariana Adrian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" E. Peterson.

With love Joseph Tara Ariana Adrian - January 29 at 05:07 PM

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“ With love Joseph Tara Ariana Adrian purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" E. Peterson.



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EW

“ Ed Barb Heather Allison Todd Wainscott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" E. Peterson.

Ed Barb Heather Allison Todd Wainscott - January 29 at 02:20 PM



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“ I extend my deepest condolences and prayers for your loss. Sending love and light to you and your family JoAnn during this difficult time.



Tene'a Frazier-Davis - January 28 at 09:29 PM

LY

“ Linda Youkhana lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" E. Peterson



Linda Youkhana - January 28 at 09:21 PM

LY

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Joann and your family during this difficult time.

Linda Youkhana - January 28 at 09:27 PM

AA

“ ANA ANGEL purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" E. Peterson.



ANA ANGEL - January 28 at 07:50 PM