



## James E. Ritchey

June 6, 1941 - October 31, 2020

James E. Ritchey, 79, of St. Anne passed away October 31, 2020 at his home. He was born June 6, 1941 in Chicago to Eldon and Helen (Wood) Ritchey. James married Carole O'Malley June 6, 1959 in Chicago.

He was a Journeyman, Roofer and Maintenance Personnel, Local 11 for Knickerbocker Roofing. James was a devout Catholic and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a former member of St. Martin of Tours and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

James is survived by his wife, Carole Ritchey of St. Anne, 5 daughters; Theresa (Joseph) Jurasits of Morris, Karen Ritchey of Tampa, FL, Patricia Ritchey of Tinley Park, Marianne (Brian) Gaynor of Tinley Park and Christine (David) O'Donnell of Oak Forest. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren; Joseph (Lauren) Jurasits, Jacqueline (William) Sage, Jason (Stefanie) Jurasits, Julie Jurasits, Jacob Jurasits, Jamie (Felix) Bautista, Jenna Ritchey, Brianna, Gaynor, Mary Gaynor, Brian Gaynor, Brendan O'Donnell, David O'Donnell, Patrick O'Donnell and Kevin O'Donnell and 11 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers; Jack, Mike, William and Danny Ritchey, and a sister, Linda Ritchey.

A visitation will be 4-8 pm, Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Schreffler Funeral Home, 1900 W. Court St., Kankakee, IL. The funeral service will be 11 am, Friday November 6, 2020 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 428 S. Indiana, Kankakee, IL. Father John Peeters will officiate the service. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are required. Burial will follow at Holy

Sepulcher Cemetery in Alsip, IL. Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.  
Please sign his online guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

6001 W. 111th St.  
Alsip, IL 60803

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Mass

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Ritchey*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Carol and Family, I was sad to here of your lost.  
Jimmy, was a great friend and a great co-worker.  
We had so many talks together, about our families.  
Carol, I do not know if you remember who I am, but I was the  
accountant for Knickerbocker, for about forty years.  
My daughter, Clarissa, was my assistance for eleven years, so she  
knew Jimmy quite well also.  
We will keep you in our prayers.  
May the Lord bless you and your family during this time of your lost.*

*Ed Trimmer*

*Clarissa Trimmer*

Edward Leroy Trimmer - November 09, 2020 at 07:01 AM



*Thank you so much for your tribute to our father. I will be sure to pass this on to our mom. Thank you for your prayers and kind words. God bless you!*

**Theresa Anne** - November 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM

GM

“ *Carol and Family,  
My deepest sympathy. Jimmy was my friend and coworker for many wonderful years. We all loved Jimmy, but God loved him 1000 times more.*

*Vaya Con Dios Buddy.*

*Love,*

*Guy Mason and family*

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**Guy Mason** - November 06, 2020 at 08:14 PM



*Thank you for your kind words and sympathy, what a beautiful way to phrase it, "God loved him a 1000 times more" so beautiful and comforting!*

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**Theresa Anne** - November 09, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of James E. Ritchey*



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**Janice Shenk** - November 04, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Ritchey.*



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November 03, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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“ My husband & I moved in across the street from Jimmy last year. We had the pleasure of getting to know him as we would talk outside frequently. What a wonderful man he was and we will miss him. 💜 prayers to his entire family. 🙏

Stephanie Wenzelman - November 03, 2020 at 09:52 AM



Thank you so much for your kind words and sympathy for our father. He was such a wonderful man!

Theresa Anne - November 09, 2020 at 11:34 AM

BM

“ Bob And Mary Beth McGrath lit a candle in memory of James E. Ritchey



Bob and Mary Beth McGrath - November 02, 2020 at 10:10 PM

BM

Carole and Family, we would like to offer our thoughts and prayers at the loss of Jim. He was such a kind and special man. We thought so much of Jim and the friendship he offered to us, especially Bob. We know God has a special place for Jim.

Bob and Mary Beth McGrath - November 02, 2020 at 10:23 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers. I'm sure God has a very special place for him, he will always be in our hearts.

Theresa Anne - November 09, 2020 at 11:35 AM