



## James "Jim" Joseph Lavin, Sr.

November 12, 1939 - May 31, 2019

James "Jim" Lavin, Sr., 79, of Centralia, passed away Friday, May 31, 2019 at Northwoods Care Center in Belvidere, Illinois.

Jim was born November 12, 1939 in Springfield, son of Paul Lavin and Antionette (Obermeyer) Lavin. He married Kathleen (Mattingly) Lavin on July 14, 1962 in Springfield, Illinois and she preceded him in death on January 8, 1974 in Centralia. He married Ruth Bullard in July of 1977 and they later divorced.

Jim is survived by two sons: James Joseph Lavin, Jr. of Lewisville, Texas and John Paul Lavin and wife Claudia of Fredricksburg, Virginia; a daughter: Jill Ann Lavin Walton and husband Kevin of Belvidere; seven grandchildren: Travis Lavin of Golden, Colorado, Brenna Lavin of Portland, Oregon, Kaylee Walton of Belvidere, Chloe Walton of Belvidere, Tanner Walton of Belvidere, Maya Cea-Lavin of Frederickburg, Virginia and Enya Cea-Lavin of Frederickburg, Virginia; a sister: Dolma Fogerty of St. Louis, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Kathleen Lavin, two grandchildren: Thorin Lavin and Amanda Lavin, and a brother: Jerry Lavin. Jim worked as an Engineer/Draftsman for Illinois Bell/ Ameritech for 36 years. He lived in Springfield from 1939 to 1964, he moved to Alton in 1964 and moved in 1967. In 1967 he moved to Centralia, where he lived the remainder of his life. Jim was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Centralia Council 1025, where

he served as the Past Grand Knight and Trustee. Jim also served as a past Cub Scout Master and he coached Little League Baseball. He was an avid golfer. Jim enjoyed going to BBQ Competitions with his son, James Lavin, Jr. in Texas and he was also planning to attend a BBQ Competition in Belvidere. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia with Father Dale Maxfield officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Centralia. Friends may call Thursday, June 7, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and also, Friday, June 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's School and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Lavin Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
424 East Broadway Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Joseph Lavin, Sr.*

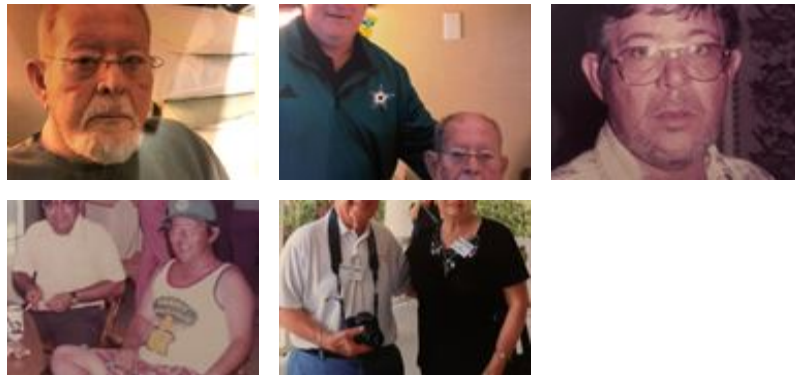


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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - June 06, 2019  
at 03:14 PM



“ *116 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - June 06, 2019  
at 01:45 PM

RC

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim,s passing. We enjoy many fond memories and fun times with Jim when we lived in Centralia. As a brother Knight and dear friend he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Rick and Jeanette Chambers, Effingham, Il*

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**Rick Chambers** - June 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Joseph Lavin, Sr..*



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June 05, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Met him at Northwoods in Belvidere. Very nice man. He always appreciated the sweets we would bring. Condolences to his family and friends. Miss you James! Pam Long*

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**Pam long** - June 04, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Joseph Lavin, Sr..*



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June 04, 2019 at 02:53 PM

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“ My dad always said, "If you can't like Jim Lavin, you can't like anyone." My dad was a wise man. I'll always remember my cousin Jim's smile and how he would always make a point to connect with me at family events, especially after I moved away from home. I won't be there in person but will be in spirit, sad at the notion of him gone, but full of fond memories of a person who was pretty darn easy to like.



Cousin Ted Finley, Seattle, WA

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**Ted Finley** - June 02, 2019 at 08:09 PM

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John and Jim, so sorry to read about the loss of your father. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.  
With sympathy, Donna Beadle Castang

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**Donna Castang** - June 04, 2019 at 06:42 PM

PF

I have nothing but wonderful memories of my cousin, Jimmy, as we called him growing up. Jim was so much fun and full of adventure when we came to visit in Springfield. Jim always had a smile on his face which never really left throughout his life. Jim also had a dry wit and sense of humor which we all loved. Life and miles have separated us through the years but I will always remember Jim with warmth and affection. May peace and grace carry his family at this time.

Much love,

Patty Finley, Sarasota FL

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**Patty Finley** - June 05, 2019 at 01:36 PM