



James Tourikis

May 15, 1925 - May 3, 2015

James (Jim) was born May 15, 1925, in Butte, Montana, to Phoebe Todd and John Tourikis. In addition to marking his birthday each year, Jim enjoyed the annual celebration of his Name Day, Dimetris, a tradition in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Jim lived all of his life in Butte, attending Longfellow and Emerson grade schools and Butte High School.

He married the love of his life, Eileen Berry, on Sept. 15, 1956, and they celebrated every anniversary with great joy.

He drove truck for Consolidated Freightways for 40 years, delivering goods to businesses from Dillon, Anaconda, Whitehall and Butte. He was a familiar face around the area making lifelong friends wherever he went. No task was impossible for Jim to accomplish. Many times, he hauled the mail to Dillon when winter roads were impossible and frequently delivered potatoes out of Whitehall when the crops were harvested. His easy smile and good-natured teasing made Jim a favorite at the coffee shops and restaurants he frequented.

Jim served as vice-president of the Montana state Teamsters Local No. 2 before his retirement from CF in 1987. Later he became president of the retired Teamsters, serving for (?) years.

He and his wife were members of the Good Sams Club and spent many vacations traveling the United States. He loved camping, boating, snowmobiling and teasing his many nieces and nephews. Recently, Jim received his 60-year pin as a member of the Elks Club.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Bill Tourikis, sisters Angeline Burk and Phoebe DeBorde, sisters-in-law Ruth Tourikis, Sister Marian Berry and Dot Berry, brothers-in-law Clarence DeBorde, Chet Burk, Ramsey Ackerman, Bob Berry, Walter Berry and Joe McKay. A niece, Mary Eileen McKay, and nephew, Dick Berry, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, a sister Mabel (Mickey) Ackerman, sisters-in-law Carol Berry and Kay McKay. Nieces and nephews include Diane DeBorde, Bill DeBorde, Joan (Carey) Eisenbarth, Jean (Steve Heck) Tourikis, John Ackerman, Paul (Darce Beck) Ackerman, Dawn Ackerman (Daniel Gallagher), Joyce Davis, Jim (Mary Ruth) Berry,

Arlene Berry, Judy (Gary) Staudinger, Linda (Michael) McDaniel, Jack (LeeAnn) Berry, Kathy (Charlie) Schermele, Kevin (Cindy) Berry, Bob (Sharon) McKay, Ken (Sandy) McKay, George (Deanna) McKay, Jim (Diana McKay), Sandy McKay and Kary Knoll.

Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue

Butte, MT, 59701

Comments



“ Sorry about Jim passing on. We will miss him
All the Butte times and the Ahepa times are
All gone. Pete Poulos Missoula

Pete Poulos - May 14, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ Sorry to hear about JIM PASSING ON WE WILL
All miss him.. Butte is not the same any more.
Pete Poulos Missoula, Mt.

Pete Poulos - May 12, 2015 at 02:24 PM



“ Dear Eileen, We were so very sorry to hear about Jim yesterday. Please know that
you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mom and Dad loved all the
times they were able to spend with both of you.
Love, Lois and Keith Jensen

Lois Jensen - May 09, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ Sincere condolences for your loss. Jims infectious smile and joking manner will be
dearly missed. Thanks for being so welcoming and loving to my family over the
years. peace be with you all.
Sincerely
Charlie Schermele

Charlie Schermele - May 07, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James Tourikis.



May 06, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ We mourn the loss of Uncle Jim, but his passing leaves me with terrific memories of the Gentle Giant. Jim was a powerful guy and his size and stature impressed on me that kindness could be carried so very gently on a large frame. He was quiet and pensive, but his laugh would carry the day in a crowd of Berrys and McKays who gathered regularly with him. Just look at that infectious smile....it says everything about someone who cared for all of us. His departure marks a sad time, but we know he is camped out somewhere waiting for us with a nice set of wheels and an extra bed in the trailer. Bless you Aunt Eileen, as you have been blessed through the care and loving given to such a great guy.

Ken and Sandy McKay, Pittsburgh

Ken McKay - May 06, 2015 at 02:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Tourikis.



May 05, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ I will always remember Jim from the summer of 65 on the trip that introduced us kids from NY to the West and our Montana family. A lot of memories from that trip but the one that captured Jim was the big family dinner at a restaurant downtown where Jim showed all his nieces and nephews the proper way to finish off your bowl of ice cream by licking the bowl. We all followed suit to the howls of protest from all Aunts. Thanks for showing us how to enjoy life Jim. Rest in Peace.

Your nephew Paul
(you know...the one with the motorcycle)

Paul Ackerman - May 05, 2015 at 10:54 AM