



James R. Tripp

October 18, 1933 - January 20, 2019

James “Jim” Ronald Tripp, 85, of Bourbonnais, went to be with the Lord this past Sunday morning (Jan. 20, 2019) surrounded by his wife and children. He was born Oct. 18, 1933, in Spring Lake, Mich. He graduated from high school in Lowell, Mich., received his business administration degree in 1965 from Olivet Nazarene University and immediately transitioned into the role of physical plant director, a position he held for 40 years. At Olivet, he supervised the addition of countless new buildings while removing older structures. He loved his job at Olivet everyday and had always been a big promoter of the university. Jim established the position of physical plant director and public safety. He was the backbone of the everyday function of the university. He supervised countless staff and students, impacting their lives professionally, personally and spiritually.

Jim served on the Kankakee County Board for more than 53 years, which is the longest county board member in Illinois state history. He served the county proudly and enjoyed debating hot topics with both parties. One of the most notable actions as a board member was that he saved millions of dollars for the county on the construction of the Kankakee Correctional Center.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Jim also served as a church board member at both College Church of the Nazarene and First Church of the Nazarene and as a Nazarene district board member.

Jim had many friends, both young and old, hunting buddies, his coffee group, church and community. Even in his last days, he proclaimed the gospel of

Jesus Christ and wanted to be sure everyone knew and accepted Jesus as their personal savior so he would see them again in heaven. Through his contributions and commitment to the university and community, all family and friends can say is “well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Surviving are his wife of 65 and a half years, Joan (Mumau) Tripp; his children and spouses, daughter, Cinda (Ron) Scarlett, of Edmond, Okla.; son, Dr. J.R. (Janis) Tripp, of Bourbonnais, and son, Jeff (Bonnie) Tripp, of Hillsboro, Ore.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Ruth Ione Bogardus; his father, James Roscoe Tripp; and his sister, Lucy.

His sisters, Ila and Marge, reside in Michigan.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at College Church of the Nazarene. An additional time for visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, until the 11 a.m. service, also at the church.

Memorials may be made to Olivet Nazarene University to be used for scholarships or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Please sign his online guestbook at jensenmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Olivet Nazarene University Columbarium

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Visitation

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Tripp*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *We are heartbroken over the passing of this wonderful man, but are at peace knowing he is with his Lord and Savior! We send our deepest condolences, love and prayers to Joan and family. We love you Jim and will miss you greatly!! David & Elise Mull, Oklahoma City, OK*

David & Elise Mull - January 27, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ *My most heartfelt condolences to Jim's family. I had the pleasure of working for him at Olivet in building and grounds and at the physical plant under Efton Elliot in the early 1970's. He was a very gracious man who really cared about those he knew. Godspeed Jim Tripp*

Johnny Holt and Family

Johnny Holt - January 25, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *My sympathy to you J.R. and to all of your family at the passing of your father.*

Jerry Hurliman

Jerry Hurliman - January 25, 2019 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Your Grace Pointe Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James R. Tripp.*



Your Grace Pointe Family - January 25, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers for God's peace and comfort to Joan and the Tripp family. Charlie, Jessie, Ruth, Jim and thousands of others are praising God for evermore. "When we've been there ten thousand years... we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun." Love and prayers, Doris.*

Doris Scott - January 24, 2019 at 08:51 PM

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“ *I will forever remember when we had a coffee group that meet at McDonald's every morning! This day was a day all of us will never forget! September 11,2001 world trade center bombing! We had heard on our car radio's that our nation was under arttack! Jim and George Dunbar ask us all to stand and hold hands and pray for our nation! Jim was always a friend of our family! He got me a job at Olivet when I needed work! Jim was always a spiritual leader to me! Always positive! Always gave God the glory! I am forever grateful to a true friend,Jim tripp! Sid Shipman*

Sid shipman - January 23, 2019 at 09:24 PM

CM

“ *Deepest sympathy to Joan and family in the loss of Jim. We will fondly remember him always. Continued prayers for you during this very difficult time.*

Cathie & Clarence Miedema

cathie miedema - January 23, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the Tripp Family.*

Kathy Splear - January 23, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Hugs and prayers are with the Tripp Family at this sad time. He will be greatly missed. May God's peace and comfort fill you.*
Mary and John Thomson

Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 23, 2019 at 11:14 AM

