



James "Jim" Donald Kuda

March 15, 1941 - February 27, 2025

James "Jim" Kuda was born on March 15, 1941, near Hawk Point, Missouri, to Lawrence John and Florence Darline Sonner-See Kuda. After graduating from the Lincoln County R-III School District in 1959, he spent three years serving in the U.S. Army Security Agency.

In 1962, Jim began his career with McDonnell Aircraft Company, where he worked until his retirement in 1996 as a Senior Production Scheduler. During his time there, he met the love of his life, Joyce Gwaltney. The two were married in 1966 and shared a wonderful life together. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Deborah Dawn and Cynthia Lynette.

Jim had a passion for genealogy and compiled extensive records on all four of his grandparents' families. After retiring from McDonnell-Douglas, he dedicated the next 20 years to farming his family's land. He took great pride in his garden and especially enjoyed trying to grow a bigger onion each year.

He and Joyce loved to travel, spending several winters in Florida and visiting destinations across the Southwest, Northwest, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and their favorite place, Hawaii, where they traveled numerous times.

One of Jim's greatest joys was spending time with and fishing alongside his three grandsons. He also had a deep love for baseball. He started playing in

1955 when the Hawk Point Khoury League was formed and remained active in the organization throughout his life. He managed multiple teams and held various leadership positions over the years.

Jim was a dedicated member of the Hawk Point Lions Club since 1976, serving as president for four years and earning the honor of being named a Melvin Jones Fellow. He joined the Hawk Point Community Church in 1962 and had attended Sunday School there since childhood, serving in numerous roles over the years. Additionally, he was a proud member of the Troy American Legion Post 94 and a volunteer driver for Disabled American Veterans (DAV) until stepping away to care for Joyce as her health declined.

He also cherished his time at the Veterans Coffee Talk every Thursday, where he enjoyed camaraderie and sharing stories with fellow veterans.

Jim will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Joyce, and his daughter, Deborah Copher. He also leaves behind three grandsons—James Copher, Joseph Yadamec, and Brian Yadamec—as well as his great-grandchildren, Codi, Elliot, Wesley, Ewan, Ruby, and Johnny.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Florence Kuda; his sister, Mary Jane Kuda; his daughter, Cynthia Yadamec; his half-brother, Hurd Eugene See, and his wife, Marilyn; his half-sister, Darline See-Howell Walls, and her husband, Reavis Howell; and his great-grandson, Cole Yadamec.

Family and friends will be received from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 41 Farm Lane Hawk Point, MO 63349. An additional visitation will be held from 10:00

a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Hawk Point, Missouri. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel in Hawk Point, MO. Interment will be held at Hawk Point City Cemetery in Hawk Point, MO. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to Hawk Point Athletic Association or Lincoln County Veterans Coffee Talk, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 41 Farm Lane Hawk Point, MO 63349. Online condolences may be made at www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-338-4375

Cemetery Details

Hawk Point City Cemetery

Hawk Point, MO 63349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Hawk Point
41 Farm Lane
Hawk Point, MO 63349
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Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I’m sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. I met Jim through the HP ballpark. He was always such a kind person and I enjoyed our conversations over the years. Covering your family in prayers.

Katie Mudd - March 18, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ I hate to hear of the death of Jimmy. I’m sure he will be missed by his family. I started playing baseball with him in high school and hard road. He was always nice and kind to me. And over the years, when I would see him we would always have great conversations. Again my condolences to his family.

Ronald Hamlett - March 14, 2025 at 03:24 PM

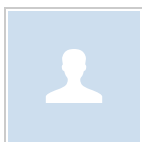


“ Jim will be missed. Many happy times spent with Jim and Joyce at the Kuda home. Loved talking genealogy with Jim. Prayers for the Kuda family.

Chris Ebert & Jerry Johnson



Chris Ebert - March 14, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.

March 13, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.*



March 13, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Larry and Sue Walker purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.*



Larry and Sue Walker - March 12, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *The Yadamec Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.*



The Yadamec Family - March 11, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *The Yadamec Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.*

The Yadamec Family - March 11, 2025 at 09:25 AM

JR

“ James R. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.



James R. - March 07, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.



March 04, 2025 at 10:57 AM

YC

“ Your 4th Grade class purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James "Jim" Donald Kuda.



Your 4th Grade class - March 03, 2025 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ He will be missed. I haven't seen him years but I remember when my brother married Cindi and his wonderful attitude

Mary malson - March 03, 2025 at 12:22 PM

LS

“ He was one of the first people we met when we moved here and our kids played ball at hawk point. My prayers go out to his family.

Lisa Sitler - March 02, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CE

“ So sorry for your loss! I will always remember his kind smile.

Carla Emert - March 02, 2025 at 03:49 PM

KA

“ Jim was a very good family friend and treated me like I was one of his grandchildren. We had many memories together. I'll never forget the time he taught me to parallel park or took our family to Florida for the very first time. Just about a year ago he reached out to me to ask if I needed books for my classroom. He was such a great man and will be missed. My heart breaks for the Kuda family. ❤️

katy - March 02, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DO

Man, what a great guy! After my baptism he accepted to take on the role of covering me up in cloth, he was like a father to me, I will never forget the time our plane landed in Florida and him and Joyce came picked us up to spend the week with them, first time on airplane and first time out of state. Good memories

Doug - March 02, 2025 at 06:09 PM

SB

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Prayers for the family.

Stacy & Sandy Bergesch - March 03, 2025 at 10:58 PM

JB

“ Sending much love. I'm sorry for your loss. From the Veterans Breakfast at the Hawk Point VFW Post 7560 December 11, 2024



Jennifer Barhoumy - March 01, 2025 at 04:01 PM