



James L. Vann

September 3, 1946 - October 21, 2020

James L. Vann (Jimmy), 74, of Kansas City, KS, passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at Advent Health Shawnee Mission after a struggle with Covid-19. James was born on September 3, 1946 in Kansas City, MO, the son of Carthel and Ethel Vann. He was man proud of his Choctaw heritage, as the grandson of Mitchell Bobb a WWI code talker. A graduated of Boystown, Omaha, NE class of 1964. Where he played baseball, and participated in choir. For a number of years, he was the Vice President of the Boystown Alumni Kansas City chapter. After high school, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Served in the Vietnam War, as Combat Engineer, 5th Marine Division. Earning National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. After his time in the military, he went on to marry Irene Zaragoza (former spouse), and they had 6 children. He had a long career at Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington Northern Railroad, and finally retiring from KCI Airport. Jimmy was a great father and grandfather, who enjoyed playing cards, pool, watching boxing, and was an avid Chiefs fan. Family time was very important to him, and being surrounded by his many grandchildren.

James is preceded in death by his parents Carthel and Ethel Vann; and three siblings, Carthel Vann Jr., Christine Castaneda, and Joseph Vann. He is survived by six children, Jason Vann, Letitia Macias (Frank), Cheryl Vann (Jesse Panuco), Cindy Vann (Vince Valdivia), Lisa Zaragoza, and Michael Zaragoza; his sister Anella Garcia (Phil); sixteen grandchildren, one great

grandchild, and his beloved dog Sonny.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to:
support.boystown.org, diabetes.org, or volunteer.va.gov

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and CDC guidelines the family will be holding a service with 50 people or less, Friday, October 30, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS. Funeral services will be streamed live on our facebook page at facebook.com/MapleHillFuneralHome Burial will follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Due to restrictions those attending the burial are required to stay in their vehicles while at the cemetery.

Previous Events

Private Family Visitation

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

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Burial

OCT **30**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery
395 Biddle Boulevard
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of James L. Vann*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 28, 2020 at 11:19 AM

GZ

Beautiful tribute, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Gloria Zaragoza-Kelley - October 30, 2020 at 09:06 AM

MA

He is missed and loved by many Truly sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace

Mary J Nahsiqua Acosta - November 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM

AP

My deep heartfelt condolences to Anella, the Vann family and friends. Anella, my old dear friend, please know you and your family are in my prayers. I want you to know what a privilege it was for me to know your family. When you all lived on the Westside. Your whole family was kind and respectful to all. It was my privilege to know your family . May Jimmy's memory be a comfort and blessing to all who knew and loved him. Anella you've had a lot of loss in your life in a short span. I know you're a strong woman. Please take care and know that your old Westside friend keeps you in his thoughts and prayers. If you ever need anything at all please feel free to reach out to me. I'm on Facebook. Even if it's just to talk for a few minutes. I'll be there for you. Love Alfredo Parra

Alfredo Parra - November 09, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ James L. Vann

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ James L. Vann

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Vann.*



October 29, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear about Jimmy. I went to school on the West Side and met him as we were all growing up together. I also talked with him when flying into KCI. He was a great guy and we shared many laughs. My prayers to the Vann family. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Linda Finley/Joy

Linda Joy - October 28, 2020 at 08:53 PM



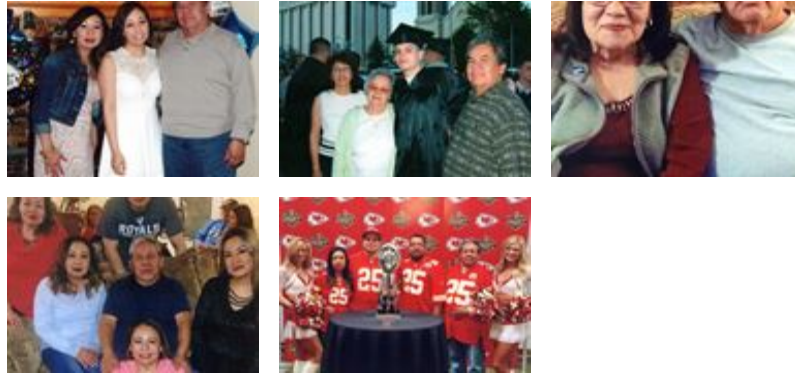
“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Vann.*



October 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 28, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CU

“ Colamark USA purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of James L. Vann.



Colamark USA - October 27, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RC

“ Sent this once will try again. Rest in peace my Little Brother. Jimmy always had a smile on his face. Always seemed happy. You will be MISSED by family and friends. Your Big Brother from BoysTown. Bon Curtin Class of 1958.



Robert Curtin - October 26, 2020 at 08:59 PM

RP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Jimmy Vann.*



Ricardo Parra - October 26, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Vann.*



October 24, 2020 at 07:49 PM

SG

“ *My deepest condolences to the Vann family. Jimmy was truly one of kind, and always made me laugh. You will be missed by so many Jimmy, may you rest in peace.*



Sherri Green - October 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to the Vann family. My memory of Jimmy is that he always around thought the years and a good friend to my older brothers. He was a good guy. May he Rest In Peace.*

Johnny Montoya

Johnny Montoya - October 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LR

“ Jimmy was a good friend. He will be missed by all that knew him!!
Sending prayers and hugs for comfort to his children and family.
May he RIP!!

Linda M Reyes - October 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JL

“ Rest in Peace, Jimmy.

Jeannie (Lopez) Loya



Jeannie Loya - October 24, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James L. Vann.



October 23, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your family's loss, he was
great friend to us all. He welcomed us in to
his house and family like he had know us
forever. Didn't matter where we were from, or
any of our differences, he always treated us
like family, we had alot of laughs together .
He will be missed. Sending love and prayers to the family.
Love Kellie & Mike Tofanelli



Kell Tofanelli - October 23, 2020 at 02:38 PM

CV

“ *Daddy I will miss you forever. Thank you for always loving us, being the best to us all. You are so missed, loved. Love your baby girl, Cindy.* ”



Cindy Vann - October 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM