



James Patrick MacManus

May 10, 1947 - August 29, 2015

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at a 3:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille for James Patrick MacManus, 68, who died on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Lafayette General Medical Center.

Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Reverend Howard Blessing, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lafayette, will be the Celebrant of the funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Roxanne MacManus; his mother, Maree Esther Cizmas MacManus; his fiancée, Barbara Rusich; one brother, Mike MacManus; two half sisters, Julie Rowe and Virginia Almendarez; and two half brothers, Steve Smith and David Smith.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Lester MacManus.

James Patrick MacManus was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and made Lafayette his home for over 40 years. He was a practicing attorney for over 30 years, until his death. Mr. MacManus loved playing poker, was an avid pool player but his passion in life was playing chess. He was director of the Lafayette Chess Club for many years and enjoyed playing chess with his buddies on Friday nights. Mr. MacManus will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN Location on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 10:00 AM until time of funeral Mass.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

Martin & Castille - DOWNTOWN, 330 St. Landry Street Lafayette, LA. 70506. 337-234-2311

Events

SEP **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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La Chapelle de Martin & Castille
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 03:00PM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ God speed dear friend. In the years when I first met you, I was a lawyers dream. That is, I had a lot of money and was always in trouble. Happy to say though our friendship grew into more than a lawyer - client relationship. I'll miss those long talks about law and the supreme court. Rest in peace, friend.

Kevin Gabbard - May 18, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ My heart goes out to his friends and family - he was a very dear friend and I will always hold the memories we had together very dear. Sincerely, Sheri Harper

Sheri Harper - February 05, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Hi Roxanne ! I found out just the other day babygirl about your father's passing ! I'm deeply in mourning of his passing and for you also sweetie ! Your father had been my lawyer for the last 22 years and he was always there for me , I still can't believe he's gone . but he's with the Lord now ! I really need for you to call me asap I have something very important to talk to you about sweetie! Here's my no.# (337)251-0387 call me as soon as you get this message ok ! Love you babygirl and God bless you sweetie

Felicia Viator - December 18, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ Dear Roxanne, my heart goes out to you at this time of your great loss of your father. My memories go back to when he was two years old and I was just out of high school and spending the summer taking care of him while my sister, his mother was awaiting the birth of his brother, Michael. He was adorable and I shared many long walks and talks with him at that time. He always had a special place in my heart. with love, Virginia Carija, Mystic, CT

Virginia Carija - September 08, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ Julie R. purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of James Patrick MacManus.



Julie R. - September 02, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ I played some chess with Jim. Was part of the Lafayette Chess Club for about 10 years. I was always fascinated that Jim had chosen his profession so well. He loved to debate, to present his viewpoint, to get others viewpoint, he wanted to know what you thought. He never held back, you always knew what he thought. He was honest and said what he meant. It was his forte, stand in front of a judge and jury and give his arguments. It fit him like a glove. He like the competition, the give and take. He was truly alive and a good friend to us all. And, he was fun. We must have played 50 games of chess against each other. I managed to tie him twice. He won all the rest. I didn't mind. It was good just being with him. I will miss Jim MacManus.

Ed Gauthier

Ed Gauthier - September 02, 2015 at 12:22 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Patrick MacManus.



August 31, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ Jim and I have been friends since the 70's. We used to hang out at the old student union and cut classes to play chess. Jim was a true friend, someone that I would trust my life with. I enjoyed meeting him for lunch, or at the Chess Club. The late meals at Mel's Diner after the chess club were always interesting to say the least. I could always depend on Jim. Many a time he provided a place to crash when stranded in Lafayette. He will be missed, not for the things that he did for me but for the man that he was! Jim and I were the only players to stick with the controversial Blackmar Diemer Gambit. In your honor, Jim, I will win some and lose some but I will never ever forget you my friend!

Tommy Dupuis - August 31, 2015 at 05:59 PM



“ Jim has been a close friend of the family for many years, when he first moved to Lafayette, 40 years ago while attending USL he worked as a bricklayer's helper with my dad(Jap)and has been around us ever since that, Like Tommy said "A brilliant force and mind!! I will truly miss you JIM .. It has been a wonderful pleasure knowing you...I just know that you and "Jap" are discussing several different political views and playing chess in Heaven right now...very competitively of course....

Maria Signal - August 30, 2015 at 12:02 PM



“ I personally will truly miss James for his life political views and fierce chess play. I was very fortunate to have shared good times with James. He was a goof friend and good person. His comittment to the Lafayette chess club and Louisiana Chess play will be missed. RIP James Patrick MacManus.

Victor Guilamo - August 30, 2015 at 09:43 AM



“ brilliant mind, would give a helping hand to any in need. a fierce competitor and great friend. sitting at the board with him will be missed. a true beautiful spirit. RIP Jim

Tommy LeBlanc - August 30, 2015 at 07:59 AM



“ 337 255 0943 Victor Guilamo

Victor - August 30, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ James was a regular in our poker game for years, and was tough to read, you never knew when he "had the goods" or was bluffing. He was devoted to his clients in his law practice, and was always the champion of the average guy or gal in this world. He'll be missed by all. RIP James!

Frank Dawkins - September 02, 2015 at 10:06 AM



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