



## Mr. James J. Keppen

September 1, 1953 - January 17, 2018

James Jeffrey Keppen, Sr., 64, of Roswell, Georgia died at 4:55 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Tuesday.

Jim was born September 1, 1953, in Madison, South Dakota to Mary and Clare Keppen. Jim was a loving husband, father, stepfather and Big Papa. He was retired from a successful career in the Agricultural business. Jim retired after suffering a heart attack, almost exactly two years to the day of his death, so that he could move back to Georgia to spend time with his family and friends and enjoy time with his grandchildren. Jim was a respected businessman, mentor, leader and friend to all of the people he worked with. He was loved by so many people in the industry and touched lives in positive ways during his lifelong career, creating the best teams and guiding them to be the best that they could be. To quote one of his business colleagues, "Jim always shot straight, good or bad, but at the end of the day, he always made you better."

Jim's favorite times were spent on the lake on his boat named 'Big Papa' because that is what his grandchildren call him, on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, riding through the beautiful countryside or watching his grandchildren's basketball games. Jim and his wife, Patti, enjoyed many wonderful times together boating, riding and experiencing life the way he

wanted to and were surrounded by a wonderful family and very large group of friends who were like a second family to them.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patricia Keppen; his children, Jeff (Jenny) Keppen, Dusty (Theresa) Keppen, Jay (Courtney) Keppen, Molly Keppen, two step daughters, Kaitlin and Meghan Frederick, 5 beautiful grandchildren; Anna Clare, Flynn, Westin, Waverley and Everly and nine siblings, Lynne, Randy, Donna, Steve, Ray, Beth, Charlie, Katie and Robin.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a service at 3:00 p.m. at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory located at 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075. A reception will immediately follow for those who would like to stay to celebrate Jim's life.

We would be happy to have anyone who would like to share some happy stories about Jim at the service. In closing, his stepdaughter, Kaitlin, said it best "Heaven gained the coolest angel ever." That is so very true and he will be missed dearly!

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James J. Keppen*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of JAMES J. KEPPEN.  
May the God of tender mercy and compassion comfort you as you comprehend this profound sadness. May he give you peace and hold on to you with his right hand of righteousness. May the fond memories of your beloved JAMES warm your hearts.  
Isaiah 41:10*

GF - January 22, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ *We, of the MHS Class of 1971 send our heartfelt sympathies you Jim's family and friends. He was a good man and a long time friend and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May God and His angels lift you up now and in the days to come. With love and Prayers.*

Pat O'Brien Richardson - January 21, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 20, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 20, 2018 at 04:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 20, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ *Michael and Elizabeth Wright purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



**Michael and Elizabeth Wright** - January 20, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 20, 2018 at 12:50 PM



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**Mike** - January 20, 2018 at 12:49 PM



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**Mike & Elizabeth Wright** - January 20, 2018 at 12:47 PM

DN

“ To the Family of Jim,

*We have known Jim and his family for over 40 years and will miss him deeply. Please know that the Lord will have his arms wrapped around him forever.*

*Most sincerely,*

*Doug and Cindy Nold*

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**Doug and Cindy Nold** - January 20, 2018 at 10:41 AM

DN

“ Doug and Cindy Nold purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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**Doug and Cindy Nold** - January 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM

TD

“ Uncle Jim had a very special place in my heart❤️ So very saddened by his loss... Love to you Jeff, Dusty, Jay , Molly, Patti and family.  
Tracey

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**Tracey Drew** - January 20, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 19, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.* ”



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January 19, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.* ”



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January 19, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.* ”



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January 19, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.* ”



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January 19, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 19, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 19, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ *The Arena's* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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**The Arena's** - January 19, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 19, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 19, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 19, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Your Wisconsin Biker Friends purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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**Your Wisconsin Biker Friends** - January 19, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 19, 2018 at 12:20 PM

YF

“ *Your PerforMix Family! purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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**Your PerforMix Family!** - January 19, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 19, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



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January 19, 2018 at 10:20 AM

SL

“ You raised fine sons! Now go to heaven and rest. It is an honor to work along side 2 of them, Jay and Dusty. Their family, friends and their work family here at Core will help watch over them till you all meet again. Love and prayers go out to all the family members for peace. Family remember the good times, cherish and honor those memories for Mr. Keppen, He is one of God's chosen ones now and heaven has a new angel.

*Rock and Sam Landes  
Work Family*

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**Sam Landes** - January 19, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 19, 2018 at 09:43 AM

BS

“ Brenda Brown, Marcus, Tiffany, Mason & Nathan Sentelle purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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**Brenda Brown, Marcus, Tiffany, Mason & Nathan Sentelle** -  
January 19, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 19, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ *Love, Carol & Blair Anderson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



**Love, Carol & Blair Anderson** - January 19, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Kevin & Pam Larson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



**Kevin & Pam Larson** - January 19, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.*



January 18, 2018 at 11:34 PM

KB

“ Karen Leigh Bevak purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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**Karen Leigh Bevak** - January 18, 2018 at 11:22 PM

TF

“ The Ray Keppen family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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**The Ray Keppen family** - January 18, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James J. Keppen.



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January 18, 2018 at 07:16 PM