



James F. Fleming

May 20, 1933 - January 17, 2016

Manito—James F. Fleming, 82, of 401 S. Jefferson St. Manito passed away at 5:45 A.M. Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was born May 20, 1933 in Topeka the son of Melvin F. and Lucetta A. Guile Fleming. He married Virginia Breedlove Mitchell on October 24, 1976 and she survives. Jim has two children Alan Fleming of Manito and Nancy Himmelrick of Topeka; three step children Robert “Butch” (Sherry) Mitchell, David Mitchell, and Ricki (David) Childers all of Manito. There are several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He has two brothers Merle (Sue) Fleming of Havana, Robert (Karen) Fleming of Shingle Springs, CA.; two sisters Newell (Eldon) Walhfeld of Manito and Laura Fleming of Topeka. He was preceded in death by one infant son James F. Fleming Jr., one granddaughter, one brother and one sister.

Jim graduated from Forest City High School in 1951. He work for Western Electric from 1952 until 1972 as an installer and then became a reservation agent for Ozark Airlines and retired in 1987. Jim was always civic minded and served two terms on the Forman School Board from 1968 till 1973 and was elected to the Manito Township Board in 1977 serving a total of twenty eight years. He was a 50 year member of the Manito Masonic Lodge # 476 and served as junior deacon for one year; Scottish Rite of Peoria; American Legion Hill-Palmer Post # 561 and served with the U.S. Army as a Major from 1953 retiring in 1986 from the reserves where he served as company

commander of the 470-30th transportation.

Funeral services will be 11:30 A.M. Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Maas-Hurley Funeral Home Manito. Officiating the will be the Manito Masonic Lodge # 476 AF & AM. Visitation will be prior to services starting at 10 A.M. Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Forest City. Memorials may be made to the Hill-Palmer American Legion Post # 561 in Manito or to the Forman Ambulance Service in Manito.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N
Forest City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6157
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *James F. Fleming*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My condolences on the passing of Jim. We worked together at Ozark and he was definitely one of the good guys. Always kind and considerate.*

Terry Reynolds O'Brien

Terry O'Brien - January 22, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ *Our condolences from the entire Ozark Air Lines family; Jim was a lot of fun to work with.*

Marilyn Monroe - January 21, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. Fleming.*



January 21, 2016 at 04:02 PM

MW

“ *Merry Sue Crafton Willock lit a candle in memory of James F. Fleming*



Merry Sue Crafton Willock - January 21, 2016 at 01:51 PM

MW

I worked with Jim as reservation agent at Ozark Airlines. He was always a hard worker, honest, and so very very kind and compassionate. My memory of him will be as an "easy goin guy" with that lumbering long legged- walk. Thanks for sharing him with us at Ozark and in the community.

Merry Sue Crafton Willock - January 21, 2016 at 01:53 PM

EF

“ *Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of the finest men I've ever known and his kindness and wisdom will be missed. I regret that my Father "Dave Fleming" will not be able to attend the service due to health issues. I especially looked forward to when he would visit my Grandfather "Richard (Red) Fleming" and I could sit and listen to them discuss family and their trips together. My Father often spoke glowingly of Jim and Virginia when they would visit him.*

Eric, Amy, and Kady Fleming - January 21, 2016 at 09:23 AM

LC

“ *We spent a lot of time at the farm with his family when we were children. I haven't seen him in a long time but hold fond memories of the Fourth of July celebrations when he would set off fireworks for the surrounding families. Laura Collins (Fleming)*

Laura Collins - January 19, 2016 at 08:33 PM

MF

“ Thanks for being such a good friend to my dad W arren.

mike fleming - January 19, 2016 at 04:08 PM

GF

“ my best memory of jim was when he was visiting my grandfather. I was about 15 and had drove out to the farm on my bridgestone 90 motorcycle. jim took it for a ride from the farm to the highway and back laughing like a teenager. gary fleming

gary fleming - January 19, 2016 at 01:44 PM