



James Jean Kocian, Sr.

September 30, 1935 - September 13, 2009

James Jean Kocian, Sr., 73, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2009, after a brief illness.

A 1956 graduate of Texas A&M University, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He was commissioned upon graduation as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Anniston, Ala. Jim then began a lifelong career in the energy field by accepting a position with Union Carbide. He moved into a management capacity there before moving on to Kaneb Services, Inc. Jim eventually became chairman, CEO and part-owner of a coal company, Ikerd-Bandy, Inc., in Kentucky, as well as numerous other entrepreneurial ventures.

Away from the office, Jim was a proud, longtime member of the Petroleum Club of Houston, Fort Bend Country Club in Richmond and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He also enjoyed golfing, traveling and spending quality time with family, friends and his best friend and beloved companion, Kona, granddogs Houston, Bogey and Birdie, and grandcat Deuce. Late in life, Jim discovered a love of ballroom dancing and enjoyed his membership in the Agnes Maule Dance Club.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rhea Celeste "Cissy" Kocian, of Richmond; a

daughter, Karen Abbruscato, and her husband, Mark, of Katy; a son, James Jr., and his wife, Zoy, of Round Rock; stepsons, Matt Jacob and his wife, Alison and Nick Jacob and his wife, Mallory, all of Dallas; granddaughters, Shara Jean Petro and her husband Nick and Kiley Kocian; grandsons Mark Francis Abbruscato, Michael Kocian and Carter Jacob; his parents, Jerome and Alice Kocian; five brothers, Carl, David, Bobby, Jerry and Donnie Kocian, and their families; three sisters, Jeannette Jahn, Annette Krupala and Barbara Hanna, and their families; and Virginia Kocian, his children's mother.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sharon Gay Kocian.

A celebration of his life is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Texas Children's Hospital.

Words of condolence may be left for the Kocian family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Service arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas, 77471, 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Karen, James and Family,
I am so sad to hear of your loss. Please except my deepest sympathy during this difficult time.
Ann C. Miller

Ann Miller - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ No one is ever prepared for the overwhelming feelings of despair that can result from the loss of a loved one. How comforting it is to know that God knows what we feel and has what we need to bring us comfort. The Bible refers to Him as The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, at 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. It is to express my deepest sympathy for your loss that I write. May memories of happy times, the loving support of family and friends, and most the comfort from the Bible help you through the days ahead.

Cherrie Vest - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ To all friends and family of Jim,
We only knew Jim briefly through our good friends, Matt & Alison Jacob, but it was truly a pleasure to see the love and joy of the entire family as they gathered to celebrate Carter's baptism and birthdays. You could see the pride in Jim's eyes and the love he had for Cissy and their whole family.

Our deepest condolences and prayers are with you in this time of grief. May God lift you up in his arms and hold you in comfort.

Amanda, Josh & Brady Stevens - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Cissy, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I never had the opportunity to meet Jim but have always heard such nice things about him.

Justine Huselton - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ My sympathy is extended to the entire family of James Kocian, Sr. I knew James and his family over 65 years ago. We used to be neighbors in the Plainview area and his parents taught me. His twin sisters were in the grade below me. We spent many many hours with his family and it is sad to lose someone you have known such a long time ago. Give my special regards to his parents and the rest of the family. They probably won't remember me but I remember them.

Irene Kunetka Hurta - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Cissy,
To let you know that you are thought of today.
With deepest sympathy and understanding.
Bob and Mary Sunday

Bob and Mary Sunday - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ All our love and prayers are with Rhea and her family. A thought from Ann....."I'm sure Jim is busy lining up the stars and working already on his angel itinerary so he can watch over his family. He never gave up trying to keep us in line at Razmataz and point us in the direction of a more orderly course. I'll miss you Jim."

The Tolleson Family - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My deepest and sincerest sympathy.*

Barbara Seelhorst - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Karen Lea - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM