



James "Jim" Douglas Richart

March 12, 1933 - September 3, 2025

James Douglas Richart, Jim, arrived in Heaven on September 3, 2025. He was born on his family's farm in Watertown, Wisconsin, on March 12, 1933, to the late Raymond and Gertrude Richart (Hanke). He is predeceased by his three brothers, Joe Richart, Richie Richart, and John Richart; two sisters, Alice Richart and RaeAnn Danner; and daughter-in-law, Gina Richart (Burton). Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Coogan Richart of Mooresville, NC; his sisters, Audrey Pagel and Paulette Timm, both of Watertown, Wisconsin; and a wide circle of loving family and friends.

After graduating from Watertown High School, Jim married his sweetheart, Patricia Mary Coogan, in 1952. He then went on to proudly serve in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon returning, he attended the University of Wisconsin on the GI Bill, earning a Bachelor of Science in Food Technology. His professional career eventually took him and his family to RJ Reynolds in Winston-Salem, NC. One of the many highlights of his career was being part of the development of freeze-dried "astronaut" ice cream for NASA.

Jim found immense joy in polka and square dancing with Pat twirling by his side. He also loved living the Lake Norman life at their beloved home, Richart's Rocky Roost. He was a lifelong fan of the Wisconsin Badgers and a Green Bay Packers Cheesehead. He enjoyed his time at Richard's Coffee Shop, where he connected with fellow veterans. His passion for service

earned him numerous volunteer awards from organizations including Mooresville Schools, United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America, Mooresville Chamber of Commerce, and the Knights of Columbus. He was a skilled woodworker who used his talent to build toys for his grandchildren and the community.

Papa Jim dearly loved his large and growing family: his devoted wife of 73 years, Pat, and their four children and spouses: Sharon Myers (Hank), Terri Mitchell (Scott), Kevin Richart (Debbie), and Daniel Richart (Stephanie). He was a proud Papa to eleven grandchildren: Nathan Myers (Stephanie), Carly Myers Littell (Ryan), Paige Myers, Claire Myers, Matthew Mitchell, Patrick Richart (Katie), James Stanley Richart (Janessa), Meredith Harkey (Ryan), Sara Richart Kistler (Caleb), Nicholas Richart (Katie), and Lauren Hawkins. But wait, there's more! Twelve great-grandchildren: Parker, Camden, Raegan, Grayson, Vivi, Max, Isla, Emory, Grier, Brooks, Brandtley James, and Laurel. Whether he was playing "pony boy" or giving Seadoo rides, the oldest to the youngest will always remember his playful spirit.

A Mass and Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, NC, from 11:00 am-12:00 pm, with visitation from 12:00 to 2:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Richard's Coffee Shop <https://www.welcomevets.com/>, St. Therese Catholic Church <https://sainttherese.net/donate>, and Hospice of Iredell County <https://apps.hoic.org/donate-now>. The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to his devoted caregiver and friend, Mary Heath, and Hospice of Iredell County for their compassionate care.

Papa Jim's family takes great comfort in knowing that he is sharing his famous peanut brittle and whiskey sours with his heavenly friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Mass

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
217 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Receiving Friends

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
217 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Love, Tim & Lynne purchased the Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." for the family of James "Jim" Douglas Richart.



Love, Tim & Lynne - October 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM

CL

“ I came to know and love Jim and Pat at the Veteran's Coffee Shop. He always made sure I received a friendly hug and kind words. He always tried to come on the Saturdays that I brought in my homemade cinnamon rolls. I was pleased to see him and Pat dance the polka several times at the coffee shop. Before they would leave, he always made sure to come by my seat and give me a hug good bye. I hope his daughter will continue to bring Pat in to the coffee shop occasionally.

from Candy

Candy Leazer - September 27, 2025 at 05:11 PM

RR

“ Ruth and spirit of brother John Richart purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Douglas Richart.



Ruth and spirit of brother John Richart - September 14, 2025 at 05:13 PM

RR

“ Ruth and spirit of brother John Richart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Douglas Richart.

Ruth and spirit of brother John Richart - September 14, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SR

“ What a wonderful man! Loved his sense of humor, admired his handiwork , looked up to him and his example of what a good husband, dad, father-in-law, Grandpa & Christian looks like. His smile lit up the room. His love of life and laughter was contagious. You don't forget people like Jim! May his memory be eternal. See you in heaven Jim!



Suzie Rape - September 09, 2025 at 12:33 AM

MM

I met him as new neighbors just recently. Very kind and surely loved his wife Pat. I will miss them both living next to us. He was lucky to have Mary providing tender loving care to both of them. 💕

Mary Ellen Meehan - September 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BT

“ Probably the nicest guy on planet earth with a playful and joyous spirit to match. He leaves the world a better place because he was in it. God's blessings to his dear wife and the family.

Bill Thunberg - September 08, 2025 at 05:54 PM

SB

“ For so many Saturday mornings would see Grandpa and Grandma at Richard’s Coffee shop for music and breakfast. I will miss seeing him. Sending love to the family especially his adorable wife ❤️❤️❤️



I called them that from the first day we met

sue brittain - September 07, 2025 at 07:12 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Douglas Richart



Cindy Jacobs - September 04, 2025 at 01:57 PM