



James E. Diestler

June 6, 1933 - July 14, 2015

James E. Diestler, 82, of Aurora, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at Presence Mercy Medical Center. He was born on June 6, 1933 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a teacher at Waubensee Community College and Moraine Valley Community College for many years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM at St. Michael Church, 609 N. Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, IL 60505. (630) 897-8115. Fr. Aurel Pater will officiate with interment at St. Francis Cemetery, Belmond, Iowa.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 9:00 AM until the funeral hour at 10:00 AM at St. Michael Church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for James' family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Michael Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Cemetery

Belmond, IA

Previous Events

In State

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael Church
609 North Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ James Diestler was my professor at Waubensee Community College. I thoroughly enjoyed his History classes and took every one of them I could. He was the kindest, wittiest, most lovable professor I have ever had. He asked to keep a poem I wrote on the Vietnam war to show future classes, and I was blown away by the suggestion and the compliment. I looked at him and revered him as a second grandfather. After graduating James and I had lunch several times at Colonial Cafe, he insisted on paying as I was his "guest". He gave me several books, taught me how to play chess (but didn't let me win) and would play piano for me at his small apartment. He was always such a dapper dresser and he's a very influential male role model for me. I have nothing but love, respect, and the deepest admiration for this man. I consider myself lucky that I got to be a part of his life and to know him.

Nick Reans - January 14, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Jim Diestler and I discussed music so many times. It was during the Elvis Presley craze and he so disagreed with his style of music. Many great memories at their home loved going to Aunt Aggies and Uncle Virgil. God Bless.....Steve and Linda Priske

Linda - July 19, 2015 at 09:22 AM

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“ Jim Diestler was my first cousin on my dad's side. Most of my memories of Jim are from Des Moines, Iowa. I always appreciated his musical talent and his model railroad display. Rest in peace, dear cousin. Ruthie

Ruth Egan - July 17, 2015 at 05:28 PM

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“ Jim, it was a great pleasure to have known you. We had some great conversations which included your Nazis stories, shared a lot of laughs, always appreciated the chocolates you gave me and my colleagues and thank you for complimenting the coffee I made when you stopped by my office. I always appreciated our friendship. You will always be in my prayers.

Rene Morales - July 17, 2015 at 03:42 PM

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“ Jim, you will be greatly missed. Your smile was infectious and our conversations memorable.

Debbie Hermanson Strejc - July 17, 2015 at 11:13 AM