

James R. McCue

February 16, 1934 - March 7, 2014

James R. McCue, 80, lifelong resident of Aurora, passed away Friday, March 7, 2014, surrounded by his loving family at Presence Mercy Medical Center. He was born February 16, 1934 in Aurora.

Jim graduated from East Aurora High School in 1953 and was united in marriage with Joan (Brown) at St. Therese Church in Aurora on May 1, 1954. Jim and Joan were set to celebrate their Sixtieth Anniversary this May. After high school Jim served his country in the United States Marine Corps reserves and went to work at Commonwealth Edison. He also played semi-pro football with the Aurora Clippers Football Club.

He was employed as a lineman for thirty-six years at Com-Ed and retired “too soon” as his wife would always say. Jim loved his golf trips and he was an avid fisherman and hunter. Jim and his older sons opened McCue’s Pub in 1980. It was here that he became famous for his “bar tricks” like the disappearing cigarette tricks which he once performed on David Copperfield. They then bought the Gaslight Manor which they ran from 1988 to 2000. In retirement he spent many summers working as a ranger at Blackberry Oaks golf course in Bristol.

Jim was a member of many clubs during his lifetime including The Lucky 50 Club, The Phoenix Club, The Batavia Moose Lodge #682 and his favorite The East Aurora Old Timers Association.

Jim lived a long, full life and enjoyed living it. Most importantly, he was a devoted family man. Jim will be deeply missed by all who knew him and he leaves behind an entire entourage of family and friends to cherish his memory.

Survivors include his loving wife, Joan McCue; five children, Jimmy (Nicole) McCue, Kathy Edwards, Billy (Barb) McCue, Johnny (Laura) McCue, Patti (Mike Moravek) McCue; twenty-two grandchildren, Kelly, Kari and Dani McCue, Cristin, Joey, Alyssa and Brian McCue, Katy, Jessica and Jamie McCue, Stacy Hayton, Amy, Steven Edwards and Nathan McCue, Ryan, Carly and Cody McCue, Nicole and Jack McCue and Sammy, Emily and Michael Moravek and eleven great grandchildren and by his brother, Bob (Judy) McCue.

He was preceded in death by his son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Darlene McCue; his son, Tommy McCue; his grandson, Anthony Moravek; his brother, Duane McCue; his sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Pat Burke; his sister, Diane Fezekas; his parents James E. and Daisy McCue and by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Roy and Gert Brown.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 9:30 am at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to St. Therese Church at 10:00 am. Fr. Michael Miller, M.S.C. will officiate with interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Donations in Jim's name can be made to TYTF or Tomcat Youth Tackle Football at
500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora IL 60505.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful Doctors and Nurses at

Presence Mercy Hospital. To those of you in the ICU “you are truly amazing people”. To Doctor Sayeed and Doctor Bonilla, thank you for your compassion and hard work on our father’s behalf, we were blessed to have your efforts.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Therese Church
271 North Farnsworth Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-898-5422

Burial

MAR **13** (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James R. McCue



Daleiden Mortuary - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heart goes out to each and every one of the McCue's on this day, the one year marker of losing the "leader of th'pack" ! You all are staying so strong, yet i know in your own little time alone, it really hurts. There is no other pain than losing a parent or child. We need to ask God for his help in going forward and holding the weaker in his hands through their journey alone without james McCue Sr. , God Bless you all! All my love, Jodie. McCarthy

jodie mcCarthy - March 08, 2015 at 07:35 PM

JM

“ Jodie McCarthy lit a candle in memory of James R. McCue



jodie mcCarthy - March 08, 2015 at 07:31 PM

KK

“ To the McCue family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Jim at ComEd but I also was friends with Jimmy and Danny for years. Jim was a fun loving guy and was loved by all who knew him. He always had a smile on his face and really enjoyed life. He is enjoying a St. Paddy's day party with his boys and looking down on all of you with much love.
Karen Butcher King

Karen Butcher King - March 15, 2014 at 05:44 PM

DM

“ Sadened to hear of Jim's passing. May God bless. Dwight (Buddy) Mcconnell

Dwight (Buddy) McConnell - March 15, 2014 at 02:54 PM

AH

“ I worked with Jim at Com Ed for many years and he was a great mentor and friend. He will be truly missed. My condolences and prayers to the entire family.

Angel & Maria Hernandez

Angel Hernandez - March 11, 2014 at 09:00 PM

SM

“ *The McEvoy Family, in St. Louis, Missouri, will miss our Cousin Jimmy and our deepest thoughts at prayers are with Joan and the entire family. James and Patricia McEvoy (Murphy) and their 3 sons Shawn, Shannon, and Kyle all have such fond memories of 12 12 Rural street where mother grew up, Aunt Daisy Uncle James lived, where our dear grandparents lived until their death, and all the thanksgiving day football games in the field in front of the house. The fun that we had walking up the lane, with the boys and Patti, it made our visits to Aurora special. We will certainly miss our cousin Jimmy. We express our love to the entire family.*

S. P. McEvoy - March 11, 2014 at 07:32 PM

JM

I loved those football games, hope your boys are doing good. Dad had a great life but he will be missed

johnny McCue - March 11, 2014 at 09:50 PM

SH

“ *The Galfano family is very sorry for your loss. May God guide your family through your time of loss with the many prayers and memories that are collected and the loving bond you all have.*

love Rick, Sheila, Courtney and Eric

sheila - March 11, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of James R. McCue.*



March 10, 2014 at 07:22 PM

JW

“ *Jill and I wish to send our deepest condolences to Joan and the kids. I had to privilege to know and admire the family for the last 30 years from the days and long nights at the pub, the delicious food at the Gaslight , seeing Jim ever so often during my time at Thomas Pump or on the golf course. Truly a remarkable man who will be sorely missed.*

Gods speed to the entire family.

Sincerely:

Jerry and Jill Weber

Jerry Weber - March 10, 2014 at 06:30 PM

HL

“ *R.I.P. Sir, You will be missed. My condolences to the McCue family.*

Howard Lancer - March 10, 2014 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ *03/10/14*

Our sincerest condolences to the McCue family, and especially to Jimmy, Nicole, and Danny. Your loss is in our prayers, and our prayers are for each of you, too. May you always remember your Dad with love in your hearts, and happiness and joy in your thoughts of him. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Always,

Larry and Sharon Brown


Larry Sharon Bronw - March 10, 2014 at 02:02 PM

LM

“ Amy, I tried to tag you on this, I saw it on the "City of Aurora" fb page, very nice tribute, I thought you would like to see it. Years ago he did that disappearing cigarette trick on me, I thought it was him, he looked familiar but I wasn't sure until I read about it in this article. I was at McCues with a friend and I was wearing a (new lol) silk blouse and he came up to me with a lit cigarette and said he wanted to show me a trick, I said no, I just bought this. He asked me how much I paid for it and said, "If I burn it I will give you \$25.00, lol. I let him show me the trick, it looked like he was putting the cigarette out on my blouse but it didn't burn and the cigarette was gone. I looked all over the floor, I couldn't find it anywhere. It was very cool and he was a very nice man. Just wanted to share that with you. Prayers for contentment for you and the family.

Prayers from Linda Maurer

Linda Maurer - March 09, 2014 at 09:46 PM

 Ashley Barry

“ When I worked at Ralph's Place (Blackberry Oaks Golf Course) Mr. McCue would always get me on the cigarette tricks. It was all nothing but timing to because it would always be a day I was wearing a new shirt and it would scare the life out of me. I can honestly say he never burnt one but I can't say the same Johnny. It was always fun nights having the McCue Family at the golf course and it is truly sad to see him go.

Ashley Barry - March 09, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Alyssa McCue - March 09, 2014 at 01:10 PM

CW

I remember when us waitresses, after work and waiting for the bus boys to finish, we would get Mr. McCue out of the office behind the bar of the "Old Blue Room" to show us some more tricks. I not only learned how to be more patient and calm from this beautiful man, but I learned how to smile more. I Love you Mr. McCue and thank you for all you've done for me!

Forever in my heart Cheri White

Cheri White - March 09, 2014 at 03:00 PM



Thanks for posting this :)

Amy Edwards - March 10, 2014 at 10:37 AM

SM

Irish Whiskey!! That is cousin Jimmy

S. P. McEvoy - March 11, 2014 at 07:40 PM

LR

“ *I worked with Jim at ComEd and had many great times with him (too many to count) He was an amazing man and he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew him, we were blessed to have known him.*

Lee Romine

Lee Romine - March 09, 2014 at 11:04 AM

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“ My thoughts , prayers and condolences are with you all at this! I know all too well how hard this is to lose such a great and special person in your life!

Mr.McCue was a great man! I have many fun memories of him at the pub with my Dad Jim Grencer bartending ! They are both partying away together in heaven, Im sure!

I hope your family can find peace in your hearts remembering all the special times! And knowing he is not far away , he is always close by, in your hearts and we will all see our loved ones again!

In Gods Speed

With love , {HUGS}

Lara Marcellino (Grencer)

Lara Marcellino (Grencer) - March 09, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MB

“ Sending LOVE and PRAYERS to this wonderful family. There are no perfect words that come to my mind to say about this man except, I called him dad. He always made me comfortable in his home. I was lucky enough to see him in July when I was back home and for that I am so grateful. We went from Mr.McCue to Jim then to dad and for that I will always be grateful. Together (dad and mom) raised one heck of a family and to be a part of them is a gift I can never repay. You will be missed but NEVER FORGOTTEN.



Marsha Beaver - March 09, 2014 at 10:03 AM

MB

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Marsha Beaver - March 09, 2014 at 09:48 AM



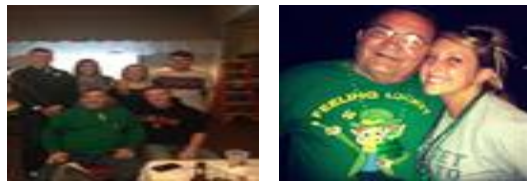
“ My condolences to the entire McCue Family on the loss of a wonderful man! I have known Jim Sr all my life. He worked with my Uncle at ComEd and would frequent at my Uncles for family get togethers. I again had the pleasure to Golf with him in a league out at Fox Bend and Blackberry Oaks for years. He also accompanied our yearly golf trip to Dothan, Al. along with his sons Johnny and Billy. He entertained us all with his bar tricks and jokes. He was truly and wonderful man and will be missed by all! My prayers go out to all of his family and friends!

Bryan

Bryan Bonifas - March 09, 2014 at 09:36 AM

JM

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Johnny McCue - March 09, 2014 at 12:03 AM

JM

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Johnny McCue - March 08, 2014 at 11:54 PM

RF

“ your infectious smile I will always cherish. You meant alot to me growing up. My deepest sympathy to all your loved ones at this time.

Robin Angell and Family - March 08, 2014 at 09:16 PM

PC

“ Patricia Cummins lit a candle in memory of James R. McCue



Patricia Cummins - March 08, 2014 at 08:58 PM

HS

“ JIM is my cousin I grew up with Patti shes my bf! I would always be over there growing up! He was a sweet and funny guy! I will always remember ur laugh and smile! Love you

Hope cobb Shannon - March 08, 2014 at 07:52 PM

CL

“ *Jim meant so much to so many people. He was always a bright ray of sunshine that could light up a room.*

Our hearts go out to the McCue family, but know Jim is looking down on us with a smile on his face. What a honor to know him and to be part of your lives.

Love and prayers.

Cindy and Norm

Cindy and Norm Lippelt - March 08, 2014 at 05:58 PM