Dr. James Joseph Phelps

March 21, 1940 - April 25, 2015

Dr. James J. Phelps DC, age 75, of Evergreen Park, died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Little Company of Mary Hospital. He was born in Evergreen Park, March 21, 1940, the son of Wallace Roland and Margaret Cecelia (Corbett) Phelps. He was a graduate of Leo High School in Chicago in 1959, then worked as a Conductor and Motorman for the CTA from 1961-1964. In 1971 he graduated from National College of Chiropractic in Lombard and went into private practice until his retirement in 2006. He was a member of Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Evergreen Park where he had served as a Eucharistic Minister. Dr. Phelps enjoyed gardening, cooking, golfing, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends. His true passion was helping and healing people. He was a dedicated fan of all Chicago sports teams. Jim married Carol Ann Stevens at Most Holy Redeemer Church October 21, 1967. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers Paul and Buddy; 2 sisters Mary Louise Rogas and Ruth Lamaster. Survivors include his wife; 3 children James Phelps of Amboy, Dr. Stacy (Tim Galloway) Phelps DC of Oak Lawn, and Robert (Nicole) Phelps of Omaha, NE; 9 grandchildren Jimmy, Abbey, Aaron, and Aidan, Kaleigh, Callum, and LillyAnne, Eleanor and Penn; 2 brothers Kenneth Phelps of Burbank and Robert Phelps of Baltimore, MD; 1 sister Peggy (Larry) Barry of Aurora. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and the thousands of patients he was so dedicated to helping. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 PM. Funeral Thursday, April 30, chapel

prayers at 9:30 AM from Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 S. Harlem, Worth, to Most Holy Redeemer
Church, 9525 S. Lawndale, Evergreen Park, Mass 10:30 AM. Private entombment of cremains in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to National University of Health Sciences. Call 815-288-2241 for more information.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre

6001 W. 111th St.
Alsip, IL 60803
http://catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?id=9

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Schmaedeke Funeral Home
10701 S. Harlem
Worth, IL 60482
http://www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com/

Service

APR **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Most Holy Redeemer
9525 S. Lawndale Ave.
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
http://www.mostholyredeemer.org/

Tribute Wall

Dr. James Joseph Phelps

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Dr. James Joseph Phelps

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

AR

I was a patient of Dr. James Phelps. His knowledge, passion for his craft and desire to truly help people was immeasurable. When people talk about gifted individuals in life, Dr. Phelps was truly a gift in so many ways to people that knew him, but also to the people he treated. I have many fond memories of conversations he would share with me regarding his personal interests of cooking, gardening, love of his children and many other topics which fueled is passionate life. He took on an office visit mentoring with me during my appointments because I had an interest in holistic medicine and profession of Chiropractic care. I was particularly impressed with Dr. Phelp's thirst for continued knowledge. He continued to excel in academics throughout his career. He incorporated acupunture into his practice which was quite beneficial to my treatments at the time. I am a bit late with this post, but his memory and the way he effected my life lives on. Rest in peace to the man with the golden hands...Dr. James Phelps

Adam Roggenkamp - April 27, 2017 at 11:14 PM

ST

Dear Dr. Stacy,

I only met your Dad once, but the twinkle in his eye was unmistakable. I could see that he had been an inspiration to you, contributing to your compassion and selflessness. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Kind regards,

Sylvia (Ceebin) Topor

Sylvia Topor - May 05, 2015 at 08:13 AM

To a life well lived! What a legacy of health and healing Dr. Phelps brought to the planet. His life, through his children- Stacy, especially, continues to influencet the future. Amazing! Well done, Dr. Jim!

Melissa Tierney - May 04, 2015 at 09:00 AM

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Joseph Phelps.

April 29, 2015 at 10:01 AM

PP

I saw my Uncle Jim pull up in a red hot sport car and I said "Ah, success is money" He quickly said "No Peggy, success is happiness!" He knew my journeys, good and not so good, so I said "what now" he said "write a book!" Got to love him! Through my life, no matter what, My Uncle Jim and Aunt Carol have always loved unconditionally. I will miss you Uncle Jim, until we meet again. I know my mom, Amy, loves cooking for you again!
Peggy Phelps-Abel

Peggy Phelps-Abel - April 29, 2015 at 01:09 AM

EB

I'll never forget when Uncle Jim helped me with my Science Fair Project while I was in 7th grade, and took me into the Gross Anatomy room in the National College of Chiropractic where they were dissecting cadavers, like it was nothing, then took me to lunch for a burrito...I couldn't eat, and to this day, bean burritos smell like formaldehyde to me!! He was such a great influence on me, always saying, "Pay me now, or pay me later," and sending me cards (probably through Aunt Carol,) to encourage me when things got tough! I will always love and respect him and his family, whom he was so proud of, bragging about them every chance he got! Sure wish I could be there, and know that he is smiling from heaven with Aunt Ruthie, Aunt Mary, Grandma & Grandpa, and Zech, all waiting for us someday! Prayers for peace, love and comfort to his loved ones! We will all miss him dearly!!

Elaine Barry - April 28, 2015 at 09:14 PM

JF

I have very fond memories of working for Doc. Phelps. I thought it was funny that part of our job was to copy recipes for patients, but some of my family's favorite meals to this day are from his recipes. He will be missed. Jan Fitzgerald

Jan Fitzgerald - April 28, 2015 at 05:10 PM

Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Dr. James Joseph Phelps.

April 28, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JK

So sorry about Jim's death. We send our thoughts & prayers. John & Elaine Kissel, Jay & Monica Hutfles, Brian & Ashley Kissel & Justin Kissel.

John & Elaine Kissel - April 28, 2015 at 02:35 PM

Nicole, Bob and family:

Your friends and co-workers in Omaha are thinking of you all during this difficult time.
- Kathy, Jill, Justin, Tana, Natalie, Ali & Wendy at C-Quence Health Group

Jill Reeves - April 28, 2015 at 02:03 PM

DH

A truly wonderful human being with a marvelous sense of humor & wit. I loved having conversations with Jim, he never lacked in the ability to have a warm interesting talk. He was so proud of his family, as evident each time he spoke. He and his wife Carol showed such warmth & love to each & every person in their presence. Thank you Jim for treating Tim like another son.....he is blessed for having known you! RIP sweet man....your work on earth is done and it's time for your rest . Sincerely and respectfully, Donna Heilig

Donna Heilig - April 28, 2015 at 09:10 AM

KL

I will never forget, when we were at Aunt Carol's 70th surprise birthday party at Stacy and Tim's house, Uncle Jim told me that I was a late bloomer. He always told it like it was! Had a lot of great laughs with Uncle Jim. Will miss him dearly. He is with my Mom in heaven watching over us.

Kay Lamaster - April 27, 2015 at 08:11 PM