



James "Jim" Patrick Curtin

December 4, 1943 - October 1, 2025

James "Jim" Patrick Curtin (Col. USAFR Retired)

Jim Curtin, 81, devoted husband and father, passed away October 1, 2025. He was the youngest son of William "Bill" and Bernice (Reilley) Curtin, born December 4, 1943 in Colby, KS. He was married 55 years ago in San Antonio, TX to Barbara (Senkel) November 8, 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of San Antonio; daughter Becky and husband Robert Danz of Dallas; two sons, Mike of Marble Falls, and Bill and wife Lynda of Austin; 5 grandchildren; sister-in-law Jody Curtin, of Atwood KS; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two older sisters, Katherine "Kay" Noel and Ruth Nadine Stengel; his brother, Lawrence "Larry" Curtin; his brothers-in-law, Richard "Allie" Noel and Charles "Chuck" Stengel; nephew, Mitch Curtin, and a niece, Susan (Stengel) Page.

Jim moved with his parents to Boulder, CO where he attended Sacred Heart School from 1948-1957. He attended Holy Cross Abbey in Canyon City, CO from 1957-1961, and then attended the University of Colorado from 1961-1966, where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force.

Jim achieved Professional Engineer licensure and proudly served in the United States Air Force for 32 years while on active duty and later through the Air Force Reserves. Jim's military career included stops in South Korea and Italy, culminating in the rank of Colonel. In recognition of outstanding service, Jim was awarded the United States Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service.

He very much enjoyed keeping up with family and friends, hunting, traveling with his Red Horse group, restoring antique cars, working in his shop, watching college football, and winning poker games. He was hardworking and dedicated to family. He lived a very productive life in service to God, family and country. He had an easy smile and will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers are sons, Mike Curtin and Bill Curtin, son-in-law, Robert Danz, nephews, Ed Stengel and Mike Stengel, family friend, Zach Garza. Honorary pallbearers, grandsons, John Danz and Matthew Danz.

Funeral mass held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will be held at Fort Sam Houston officiated by Reverend Robert Ploch of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The family of Jim Curtin would like to express our gratitude for all the support extended by family and friends. Thank you for the many calls, flowers, cards, and food.

A Visitation will be held Monday, October 13, 2025 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with the Rosary to be recited at 6:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, Texas followed by Funeral Procession to Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Holy Rosary

OCT 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute to Jim - A message from the family

OCT 14. 10:40 AM - 10:55 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes
13715 Riggs Rd.
Helotes, TX 78023

Funeral Mass

OCT 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Helotes
13715 Riggs Rd.
Helotes, TX 78023

Interment

OCT **14**. 1:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 09, 2025 at 11:24 AM

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“ *I miss Jim. He and I met in 1969 in Korea as part of the Red Horse deployment and became friends during our shared 13 month in that location.*

Although he resided in Texas, and I in Washington State, the geography did not separate the 50+ year friendship. A birthday never passed without a call and there were other shared times between. As someone else noted, the quick and easy smile of Jim will long be remembered. Rest in peace good friend.

Rich Nestler - October 20, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LS

“ *Love, Charles and Ruth Spirakis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.*



Love, Charles and Ruth Spirakis - October 13, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.*



October 13, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.*



October 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ *Mike and Nooshin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.*



Mike and Nooshin - October 10, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Jeremiah "Jerry" and Chong Suk Newman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.*



Jeremiah "Jerry" and Chong Suk Newman - October 10, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CB

“ Craig, Sandy & Chuck Birch purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.



Craig, Sandy & Chuck Birch - October 10, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Patrick Curtin.



October 09, 2025 at 07:30 PM

CC

“ Jim was a strong presence at Casa Helotes. Dependable, sharp, and always ready for a good game of poker. He took his cards seriously, but he never missed a chance to share a smile or a few words of humor. When greeted with “It’s good to see you, Jim,” he would always reply, “It’s good to be seen.”

As a long-standing member, Jim will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and the Curtin family during this difficult time. May his memory continue to bring comfort and smiles to all who knew him.

*With sympathy,
The Board of Directors at Casa Helotes*



Casa Helotes Activity Center - October 08, 2025 at 04:44 PM