



## James Richard Kanning

October 6, 1934 - October 22, 2020

James Richard Kanning, age 86, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather was summoned home by his heavenly Father on Thursday, October 22nd, 2020.

James is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jimmie McGraw Kanning; son Matthew Anthony Kanning, his wife Ava Angle Kanning, and daughter Kathryn Kanning Langford. He is grandfather to four beautiful grandchildren: Lindsay, Logan, Brooke, and Bryanna. He is also survived by his brother, Edward Kanning, as well as many close family members and friends. He was predeceased by his son, Christopher James Kanning.

Born in San Antonio, Texas on October 6th, 1934, to Earl and Hermeine (Lottie) Kanning, James graduated from Central Catholic High School. He graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering and later received his Master of Science at the University of Arizona. He served one year in Korea as a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot and taught mathematics at the United States Military Academy at West Point for 4 years before two tours in Vietnam. James served 21 years as an officer in the U.S. Army, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1980. His final assignment was directing the Army Aviation Accident Investigation Board at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Upon retiring from the military he returned to San Antonio where he continued in safety and accident investigation work. He and Jimmie travelled extensively by land, air, and his favorite – cruise. Upon full retirement, he became an active volunteer with St. Vincent DePaul, shopping and tending to accounting records. He also enjoyed volunteering for the SAPD Helicopter Unit. James was an avid golfer who, in retirement, could be found on a course two days out of the week.

James was a devout Catholic, a man who demonstrated a strong work ethic and high moral values. His humor was subtle, but he was always up for a good laugh. All anyone had to do was ask and could count on Jim.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation, in the name of James Kanning, to one of the following organizations:

- Society of St Vincent de Paul - San Antonio
- American Heart Association
- San Antonio Police Officers Association

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

## **Rosary**

NOV 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

## **Mass of Resurrection**

NOV 5. 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
10703 Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78230



# Tribute Wall

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Richard Kanning.



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“ Christine Dobbins purchased the With Distinction for the family of James Richard Kanning.



Christine Dobbins - November 04, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ Ed and Rose purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of James Richard Kanning.



Ed and Rose - October 29, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Very sad to hear the news. My prayers to the family and friends. Jim was great man and I was glad to have known him. Rest in peace Jim.*

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**Rene Beaudoin** - October 28, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Richard Kanning.*



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**Brooke Kanning** - October 28, 2020 at 08:32 AM

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*Beautiful pictures Brooke.*

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**Stephanie (Kanning)Hawley** - October 28, 2020 at 12:51 PM