



## James (Jim) Stefaniak

November 6, 1950 - December 28, 2013

James (Jim) Richard Stefaniak, 63 of Huntsville, Texas, died December 18, 2013 with his loving family by his side. Jim was born November 6, 1950 to Richard (Bunky) and Arline Stefaniak in Buffalo, New York. During his elementary school years, Jim was an active boy scout, altar boy and sang four-part harmony in the St. Joachim's choir. He graduated from Emerson High School. While in high school, Jim was an accomplished and talented pitcher who went on to play in city leagues. He continued his education at the University of New York at Buffalo and graduated with degree in sociology. Jim was a self taught guitar player who joined a band and also shared his talent with the early folk mass liturgies. He enjoyed playing and listening to music especially the Beatles and Hard Rock. Jim could easily play a tune on the piano by ear. He had a fond appreciation of classical music. He joined the Navy in 1968, later being transferred to the Marine division as a medic, serving in the Vietnam War. Jim had a flair for cooking and gained many useful tips from cooking shows. Through trial and error he created many scrumptious meals and treats for family and friends. Upon relocating from buffalo to Houston, Mississippi, Huntsville, Texas became home. Through his gifts of healing and humor Jim worked as an orthopedic physician's assistant in the offices of Dr. Paul Vilard (deceased), Dr. Darrel Martin, Dr. Skip Heath, and Dr. Jesse ward. Many residents have worn a cast sculpted by Jim who is now casting with the heavenly angels. He was an active member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Jim is survived by his loving wife

Roberta (Bobbi) of 39 years and daughter Katie, his pride and joy. His memory will be cherished by his sister June (Wayne) Menclewicz, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Robert and Rosalie Stachowiak, Sandra and Jack Ginter, Roger and Donna Stachowiak, Alan and Robin Stachowiak along with several nieces, nephews and close friends. Family will receive friends Friday, December 27, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A Catholic Mass will be held Saturday, December 28, 2013, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086 or at their website [www.supportveterans.org](http://www.supportveterans.org) Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James (Jim) Stefaniak*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bobbie, you all are most definitely in our thoughts during one of the toughest times in your life. Just know that faith will see you through. You learn to accept death, but you never forget the wonderful years you both shared,  
We pray God will be at your side for always,  
Love you both.*

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**Sable and Ralph Jr. Losack** - December 28, 2013 at 10:51 AM



“ *Bobbie and Katie, I pray for the peace that only Christ can give at a time like this. May God bless you in abundance with his love and peace. All of us at the surgery center, have felt a loss without Jim. He is missed and will be rembered with great fondness.*

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**Cindy Distin** - December 28, 2013 at 08:27 AM



“ *Bobbie and Katie,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Even though he is not with you know that he will always be watching over you. Katie if you need anything please let me know. I am always here to talk.  
Paige*

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**Paige Bolen** - December 27, 2013 at 08:21 PM

SH

“ *Bobbie and Katie, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind soft spoken man. I pray that God's strength and peace will be with you now and in the months to come. He will always be with you because he will live forever in your hearts.*

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**Shelia Hackey** - December 27, 2013 at 06:18 PM

MD

“ *Ms. Stefaniak and Mrs. Stefaniak, I'm very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. May God give you strength and peace.*

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**Maria Duarte** - December 26, 2013 at 11:44 AM

VP

“ *Katie, I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your father. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Vicki Prentice** - December 25, 2013 at 11:25 PM

DB

“ *My prayers are for you and Katie at this difficult time. I pray that God bless you and comfort you.  
I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praises shall always be in my mouth.  
Psalm 34:1*

*Love,  
Lockie Archie*

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**Dear Bobbie**, - December 25, 2013 at 04:20 PM

CN

“ Dear Bobbi and Katie,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort and lift you up during this most difficult time. May the prayers of your many friends also give you comfort and peace. I love you both and I am here for you to help you in any way.

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**Carol Nichols** - December 24, 2013 at 09:31 PM

DP

“ Bobbi & Katie,  
Know that you both are being lifted up in prayer by all the many people that love you & Jim. There are no words that can lift your sadness right now, but we are confident that all the love & memories Jim left you with will carry you through the difficult days ahead. You are surrounded with a lot of love from family & friends, but most importantly by the love of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.  
With our love,  
Dickie & Donna

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**Dick & Donna Pustejovsky** - December 24, 2013 at 05:30 PM

TS

“ Henry, Noah, and I pray that God will comfort, guide, and wrap his loving arms around you during your time of grief. We will lift you and your family up in prayer to God.  
Your neighbors,  
Henry and Thelma Spikes

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**Thelma Spikes** - December 24, 2013 at 04:36 PM

KC

“ Dear Bobbie and Katie, Just want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God comforts you at this time of your loss during the holiday season. If I can be of any help, let me know. Sincerely, Karen Conroy

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**Karen Conroy** - December 24, 2013 at 03:01 PM

TB

“ Bobbie and Katie, my prayers and thoughts are certainly with you at this most difficult time in your lives. Your precious Jim has gone to be with his loving God now, and my prayers are for God to fill you with His loving grace and comfort in knowing you had the blessing of a wonderful husband and father. His presence will always be with you. He will be missed terribly by this community of friends and relatives. God bless you both.  
Trinell

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**Trinell Barrum** - December 24, 2013 at 08:35 AM

GM

“ Bobbie, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. In Jesus name we pray.

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**Gina Morrison** - December 23, 2013 at 07:33 PM

LK

“ Bobbie, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and Katie. Frank and Linda Krystyniak

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**Linda Krystyniak** - December 23, 2013 at 01:30 PM

ME

“ Mrs. Bobbie and Katie, We are so sorry for your loss and may God embrace you and give you peace during this difficult time. Please know that we are praying for you.

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**Madelaina & Ernesto** - December 23, 2013 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ Dear Bobbie and Katie

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**Sandi Bean** - December 22, 2013 at 07:49 PM

JM

“ Bobbi and Katie, Jimmy and I are thinking of you. I'll never forget how good Jim was to me when I got my foot crushed. I was one of those who wore a cast sculpted by him. We think of all of you often.  
Joyce Merchant

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**Joyce & Jimmy Merchant** - December 22, 2013 at 05:16 PM

SR

“ Dearest Bobbie and Katie,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we are so sorry for your loss. We did not know Jim, but he must have been a fantastic man to have fathered such a wonderful, kind, beautiful daughter and to have been married for over thirty years to such a generous, loving, magnificent woman. Shay was so lucky to have Bobbie as her teacher, and I have worked with both Bobbie and Katie---what a blessing.

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**Susan, Shay and Wolf Retzlaff** - December 22, 2013 at 04:55 PM

ST

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Susan Tarpey** - December 22, 2013 at 04:50 PM

NM

“ *Bobbi - I'm so very sorry for your loss and will continue to pray for you and your family.*

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**Nancy Madeley** - December 22, 2013 at 03:59 PM

CF

“ *Bobbi and Katie, You both were Jim's universe. He was highly dedicated to his work and the welfare of others. He loved to reminisce about growing-up in New York, his fondness of fireworks, and odd/funny occurrences in medicine. He is greatly missed by all those who knew him. Our hearts go out to you.*  
*Connie and Stan Ferguson*

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**Connie Ferguson** - December 22, 2013 at 09:58 AM

MF

“ *Bobbie, We are praying the Lord will comfort you and Katie with His peace... surround you both in His love... and encourage you both with His presence. The Kilgore*

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**Madelyn Kilgore and Family** - December 22, 2013 at 09:58 AM

KG

“ *Bobbie, So sorry for your loss. You and your family have been in my prayers, and I will continue to lift you all up at this very difficult time - that the peace that passes understanding will be real to you, as well as the comfort that comes from the hands of God Himself who holds you close.*

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**Karen Gillikin** - December 21, 2013 at 06:28 PM

LS

“ Dear Katie,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that your father was a very special person, from what I have heard, but also, from what I see each day in his magnificent daughter. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Love,  
Leslie

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**Leslie Swackhamer** - December 21, 2013 at 12:06 PM

PV

“ Dear Katie,  
  
*I am so sorry for your loss. You are very loved by your colleagues and students at "sam", and we all send you all our heartfelt prayers at this time.*  
  
*Joy and Peace to you for the Holidays,*  
  
*Pammy*  
*Pamela Vogel*

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**Pamela Vogel** - December 21, 2013 at 11:43 AM

WS

“ *Bobbie and Katie,*  
*I cannot begin to say how much we are going to miss Jim. I know your hearts are heavy now, but thinking back on the good times we had with him makes me smile. After finishing a surgery case, he would always duck into the instrument room where I was working with the "joke of the day". Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Walt*

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**Walter Sherrouse** - December 21, 2013 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ *Bobbie @ Katie*  
*My prayers are with you both at the most painful time a family can feel. I am here if you need help or someone to talk to. I loved Jim and enjoyed working with him for many years. He is some of my fondest memories. We enjoyed many Christmas evenings with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss at this time of year. Love*  
*Judith*

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**Judith MacDonald** - December 21, 2013 at 10:04 AM

KW

“ *Bobbie & Katie: So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God needed another angel to help Him watch over His flock. May God bless you and give you comfort. We are here if you need us for anything.*

*Ken and Theresa and family*

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**Ken and Theresa Westbay** - December 21, 2013 at 09:53 AM

DP

“ *May God wrap His loving arms around you and your family during this very sad time. May He give you the comfort, peace and rest that is needed. Please know that my family is praying for you. God is so good! With love, Donna (Tyler) Paschall...friend/teacher at HES*

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**Donna Paschall** - December 21, 2013 at 08:00 AM

JB

“ *Bobbie & Girls, So very sorry for the loss of your husband/father. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers!*  
*Jamie Brinegar*

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**Jamie Brinegar** - December 20, 2013 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ *Bobbie,*

*We are so sorry for your loss and want you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Judy and Vic Sower** - December 20, 2013 at 12:58 PM

NC

“ *Mrs. Bobbie and Katie,*

*You are in our thoughts are prayers.*

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**Niki & Jeb Chesson** - December 19, 2013 at 05:42 PM