



## James Kostka

February 12, 1932 - April 28, 2016

Mr. James Louis Kostka, 84, passed away in Ocala, FL on April 28, 2016. He was born in Oak Park, IL on February 12, 1932. He was a retired Electrical and Mechanical Engineer for Raytheon in Andover, Ma. He was a US Navy veteran during the Korean War. James loved to care for his yard and to tinker with mechanical things. He moved here in the late 1990's from Alaska. James is survived by his loving wife Eugenia of 61 years. Two daughters: Michele Rugo and husband John and Karen Melideo and husband Michael all of California. One son: James W. Kostka and wife Teri of Alaska. He had eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will take place at Roberts Funeral Homes West Chapel 6241 SW SR 200 Ocala, FL (352) 854-2266 on Friday May 13th at 10AM. To leave condolences: [robertsfuneralhomes.com](http://robertsfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Uncle Jim, thanks for being a great uncle and friend. Thanks for protecting us in war. Thanks for teaching me how to make a Radio Shack metal detector kit work. Thanks for my cousins. Thanks for teaching me how to put a CB antenna on a roof eave. Thanks for the swims in the pool and for having rabbits. Thanks for teaching me how to put up a post and rail fence. Thanks for you and Aunt Jean always remembering my birthday. Thanks for boat rides on the lake, and for showing me how you built your own camp house. Thanks for my only ever ride in a real VW bug. Thanks for teaching me how to take a cutting from a plant to regrow. Thanks for helping to give the free world the Patriot Missile. Thanks for being at my wedding. Thanks for helping your neighbors in FL when email was new and VCRs were hard to program. Thanks for corny jokes and your laughter and smile. Thanks for bread and cold cuts from LaCasia's. Thanks for loving my mom's kid sister so much. Thanks for the story of how you were frustrated by appliance repair so you taught yourself how to "do it yourself"; that story has inspired me all my life to not be afraid to just give it a try. Thanks for your example of faith. Thanks for being a great example of what a man is supposed to be. You have received the supreme healing from cancer and I know you are well and looking after your wife, kids, grandkids, great grandkids, friends and all your family even more now than any of us can do from here on earth. Love and blessings to my Aunt/Godmother and my cousins. To all who loved you: grieve fully, with faith, and heal. The body is finite, the spirit is infinite. Love you, Uncle Jim.

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Joseph & Bonnie Zamparelli and Family - May 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Our family was saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. We will always remember him as the man who made everyone feel welcomed and special. He always had a joke, or two, at the ready. We will miss his spirit and energy. May your many happy memories of Jim help you during this time of sorrow. The Kerr family, Donna (Gaul), Stephen, Ian and Ashley

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**Donna Kerr** - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Papa was an amazing grandfather to me. I will always remember all of the amazing times we had together growing up whether it was boating and snowmobiling in Maine or riding roller coasters in Florida. As an adult I have finally realized how incredible he was outside of the grandfather role that I knew and I am glad that I was able to hear many of his Navy and engineering stories. I will never forget him.

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**Pat Rugo** - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Jean and Family: I received this news with mixed feelings. Of course I am saddened that you have lost a husband dad and granddad. I am so sorry for your loss. On the other hand, when I read about what he did to be able to see his grandchildren, and when I read about the nature and intensity of his illness, I am thankful for him and all of you that he did not suffer that long. When I lost Margaret in less than three months, my faith was shaken to the core, but in retrospect, I am so grateful that she did not suffer. Please know that you are in my prayers. With warm regards and fond memories, Andy

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**Andre Paquette** - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *What a wonderful family man to have raised such a lovely woman, my Aunt Michele. And what a blessing his love has been to the whole extended family. My thoughts are with you during the difficult time.*

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**Jill Wells** - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Will love you always, our dearest Dad and Papa. In our hearts forever.*

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**Michele & John Rugo & Family** - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM