



## Jim Alan Cavers

June 29, 1948 - December 11, 2014

James Alan Cavers was born on June 29, 1948, in Fairmont, Minnesota the son of James and Mildred Cavers. He attended and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1966. Jim furthered his education receiving his RN Degree from St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis and then continued on receiving his degree as an Anesthetist at St. Paul Ramsey Hospital.

Jim was united in marriage to Ellie Fjordbak on January 18, 1969, in Benson, Minnesota. After their marriage the couple moved to Minneapolis so Jim could finishing his schooling. In June of 1972 the family moved to Alexandria where Jim worked for the Douglas County Hospital. Jim and Ellie had three sons: Jim, Sean and Andrew. He treasured his family and they enjoyed several camping trips and boating as kids. Jim worked at Douglas County Hospital for 40 years before retiring in 2010.

He will be remembered as a kind, caring, giving and gentle man who always put others before himself. Jim was a meticulous woodworker and quilter. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing cards and dancing.

Jim died on Thursday, December 11, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Ellie; sons: Jim (Shelly) of Blaine, Sean of Alexandria, Andrew (Leslie) of Alexandria; seven grandchildren: Sophia, Wyatt, Connor, Colton, Jackson, George, Emma; sisters: Jean Simpson, Ann Dreier.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials preferred to St. Mary's School Tuition Assistance.

Mass of Christian was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 1:30 PM at St.

Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Alexandria. Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home. [www.andersonfuneral.net](http://www.andersonfuneral.net)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

723 West Winona Dr.  
Alexandria, MN 56308

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

DEC 15. 4:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home  
659 Voyager  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

## Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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659 Voyager  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
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## Visitation

DEC 16. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
421 Hawthorne St  
Alexandria, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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DEC **16**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
421 Hawthorne St  
Alexandria, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim Alan Cavers

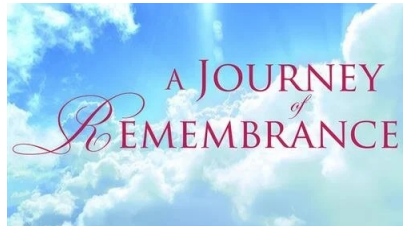


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**Anderson Funeral Home** - December 18, 2014 at 11:07 AM



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**Anderson Funeral Home** - December 14, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ I am very sad to hear of Jim's death. I went to school with him and always thought so well of him.-Bill Kraemer

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**William Kraemer** - December 18, 2014 at 04:37 PM

PH

“ Jim and I lived across Albion Ave from each other and spent MANY hours as kids, building tents, swimming, swinging, playing in the Nelson's playhouse, so many games played in my backyard. I am so glad I was able to reconnect with him when I was visiting a friend in Alexandria in the last few years. He was an amazing quilter and truly loved his family. I always knew him as Jimmy. May you rest in peace dear friend.

*Pam Christensen Heinbuch  
Friend and fellow classmate 1966*

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**Pam Christensen Heinbuch** - December 17, 2014 at 11:55 AM

GV

“ Our condolences to Ellie, Jim, Sean and Andrew. We have so many fond memories of Jim, from him sharing his latest quilt to wondering what we were having for supper to the Saturday mornings coffee & doing crossword puzzles. His nicknames for us make us smile and the stories he would share about his boys starting them up in their own lawn mowing business, he loved to talk about his boys and his grand kids. We will always have our fond memories of Jim. Jim Rest in Peace Greg and Julie VanKempen

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**Greg & Julie VanKempen** - December 16, 2014 at 10:58 PM

SL

“ I do not have any memories to share, other than Jim and I were classmates. I am sorry to here of his passing. We are not that old.

*My name is Steve Langford. Fairmont High School Class of '66'.*



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**Steve Langford** - December 16, 2014 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ I have fond fun memories of Jim throughout our grade school years at St. John Vianney in Fairmont. Rest in Peace my Friend. What a touching video your loving family put together for you!  
Jayne (Pavik) Dulas FHS Class of 1966

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**Jayne Dulas** - December 16, 2014 at 11:51 AM

RD

“ Jim was a few years older than me but, he was always around town watching the guys play baseball or hockey. He never played much but was always interested and asked how did you learn to skate like that. I remember his kindness to the younger kids. I send condolences to his family and to all that loved him.  
Roger Drobinski, FHS 1969

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**Roger Drobinski** - December 16, 2014 at 11:14 AM



Roberta Norman

“ Jim was kind and caring in grade school and it appears he never changed. May he rest in peace and condolences to his family.  
Roberta Norman

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**Roberta Norman** - December 16, 2014 at 10:44 AM

TK

“ Dear Ellie and family,  
We are in Denver and saw the news on the Echo site. Our son Matt said he would never forget the enormous whoops that filled the Runestone Arena during his hockey games.  
It was always a pleasure to work with Jim in the OR, he was outstanding and I never worried about what was going on at the head of the table.  
Our deepest sympathy  
Terry and Pat Kennedy

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**Terry and Pat Kennedy** - December 16, 2014 at 10:15 AM

LM

“ *My condolences to Jim's family for their loss. I have known Jim since our elementary days at SJV and through high school. We shared some good times on the Indian Trails around Budd Lake. Jim was always fun guy to be around. Lots of good memories. What a beautiful family he was blessed with.*

*-Larry Maday, 1966 FHS Classmate.*

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**Larry Maday** - December 15, 2014 at 07:29 PM

LL

“ *We will always remember Jim and Ellie driving their cycles around Circle Drive. Before the cycles there were lawn tractor rides with the grandchildren. We have fond memories of having them as neighbors. Ellie, hopefully we see you at hockey again and wish Jim to be at peace.*

*Les and Pam Larter*

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**Les Larter** - December 15, 2014 at 07:19 PM



“ *Jim worked at Fairmont Methodist Home as a nurses' aid in high school. I was amazed by the enthusiastic care and love that he showed the residents. It was clear then that he would become a wonderful health care professional.*

*Rest in peace, Jim.*

*-Ted Ketcham, FHS Class of 66 and fellow employee.*

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**Ted Ketcham** - December 15, 2014 at 06:03 PM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jim through the Common Threads Quilt Shop. He was such a wonderful quilter! Planning out his quilts with such precision and working to get them just right! We always enjoyed when he came to the shop either to plan or for show and tell. Linda Slack

Linda SSISlaSlacSlack - December 15, 2014 at 05:57 PM

KK

“ all those hockey games would have never been the same without Big Jim. A great friend that will truly be missed. Ken. Kloubec and family

ken kloubec - December 15, 2014 at 05:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Alan Cavers.



December 15, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim Alan Cavers.



December 15, 2014 at 11:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Alan Cavers.*



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December 14, 2014 at 11:22 PM



“ *Jim had a very unique gift. His sensitive nature, so very rare, his heartfelt concern for all the people in his life that He cared for, be a friend or family member, never went unnoticed. His loving arms will always be remembered. A precious memory. He is forever my "birthday buddie"*

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**Heidi White** - December 14, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Jim was one of the first guys to attend St Barnabas School of Nursing and I was privileged to be able to work with him and call him a friend. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Dolly Webster Opel*

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**Dolly Webster Opel** - December 14, 2014 at 03:06 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss,he will be greatly missed. jo uhlenkamp*

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**jolene uhlenkamp** - December 13, 2014 at 11:10 PM



“ *Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Jim Alan Cavers.*



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December 13, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ *Dear Ellie and family.  
My deepest condolences to all of you in the loss of a husband,  
father, and grandfather. Remembering all the times I watched Jim  
grooming the lawn so carefully every week.  
Goodbye to a wonderful neighbor.  
Bernie Buerman*

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**Bernie Buerman** - December 13, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dear Ellie, Jim, Sean, Andrew and families, Our deepest sympathy  
to you all. We have all lost a precious friend. So many good  
gatherings at your home with the Christmas lights and your goodies,  
as well as summer days at the lake with all your numerous circles of  
friends! Not to mention all the fun times with our hockey years! I had  
the pleasure of working with Jim at DCH and always felt our patients  
were in good hands with Jim! Even these last years with all his  
struggles, Jim asked his we were and wanted to know about our  
lives. He was so loved by you and many others! May he rest in  
peace with his Lord. We will never forget Jim-the big man with the  
giant heart!! Nancy & Wayne*

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**Nancy and Wayne Jenzen** - December 13, 2014 at 08:55 AM

JC

“ *Ellie, Jimmy, Sean and Andrew.....We are saddened with heavy hearts. You've lost a great husband, father and grandfather. We've lost a great friend. We have so many great memories that will always be cherished. May God bless you all! He is always with you and holds you all in His love!*

*AC & JC*

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**Jeff & Arnice Carlson** - December 13, 2014 at 08:29 AM

KW

“ *Kevin and Marilyn Weedman purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Jim Alan Cavers.*



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**Kevin and Marilyn Weedman** - December 12, 2014 at 06:05 PM

MW

“ *Jim getting to know you at DCH was a true blessing. You always gave 100% to your patient's and let them know you cared. Your family was a blessing and you never took them for granted. Thank you for all the years of memories. May you be at peace now and watch over us left behind. Until we meet again.*

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**Marilyn Weedman** - December 12, 2014 at 05:51 PM

JC

“ *Jeff & Arnice Carlson lit a candle in memory of Jim Alan Cavers*



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**Jeff & Arnice Carlson** - December 12, 2014 at 04:30 PM