

# Jim Annuschat

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James V. “Jim” Annuschat, 70, of Winfield, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, at William Newton Hospital in Winfield.

The Rosary will be said for Jim at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Holy Name Catholic Church, with a visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Shelley Family Funeral Home in Winfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Father Kenneth Schuckman will officiate. A lunch will follow funeral services; all are welcome to attend and celebrate Jim’s life.

Memorials are to the USD 465 Scholarship Foundation in memory of James V. Annuschat.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the James V. Annuschat Memorial c/o USD 465 Foundation. Contributions may be sent to the Shelley Funeral Home, 803 Loomis St. Winfield, KS 67156 or Winfield USD 465 Foundation, P.O. Box 211, Winfield, KS 67156.

Jim was born on March 6, 1946, in Oklahoma City, to parents Frank and Anna Annuschat.

Jim graduated from Okarche High School in Okarche, Okla., in 1964. Upon graduation, Jim began his college career at Oklahoma University. Before finishing his degree, Jim changed paths and moved to California, where he was a background singer for Capitol Records with Glen Campbell and other artists. Later, he moved to Alaska where he worked on the North Slope as a head cook for a crew of 60 men on an offshore rig. In 1975,

Jim moved to Kansas to attend Kansas Newman University, where he received his bachelor's degree in Education.

After graduation, Jim met Mary Bergkamp, and the two married on July 3, 1980. In 1987 they moved to Emporia, where Jim studied and received his master of arts degree in Teaching with a concentration in social science and building-level certification from Emporia State University. Jim was the first recipient of the Masters of Arts in Teaching from the Kansas Regents Colleges.

Jim and Mary settled in Winfield in 1991 with their two sons, Damien and Dominic. Jim taught social studies for USD 465 from 1991 until his retirement in 2009.

Despite ending his career as a professional singer, Jim continued his love for music and singing throughout his life, harboring a special love for opera music. After his retirement from teaching, he discovered a new artistic pursuit, painting, and enjoyed gifting his paintings to friends and family (a couple of his paintings are on display, at Biederman's Bistro and at Jade Nails in Winfield). When given the opportunity, Jim also enjoyed camping and especially traveling. Jim and Mary enjoyed frequent visits to California in his final years and even made it back to Alaska in 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Damien Annuschat.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary, of Winfield; his son, Dominic and wife, Bethany, of Wichita, his daughter-in-law, Katherine Annuschat, of Corona, Calif., and his sister, Katherine Moore, of Kingfisher, Okla.