



James Alan Mein

January 12, 1947 - June 21, 2015

James Alan Mein took his final checkered flag on Father's Day, June 21, 2015. Jim was born in Fort Collins, Colorado on January 12, 1947. He attended schools there and was in the first graduating class of Poudre High School in 1965. He served six years in the US Navy, completing two tours in Vietnam on the USS Coral Sea. He retired from the City of Fort Collins Light and Power after 31 years of employment. After retirement he drove a school bus for Poudre R-1 and this was definitely his favorite job of all! In 1967 he married Alecia Wunsch; they celebrated 48 years of marriage on March 5. They had LeAnn (Tim Nowak) in 1971 and Randy in 1975. They have six grandchildren: Rachel, Allyson, Natalie and Austyn, Lore and Dakota. Besides his family, his greatest love in life was anything with a motor. He drove a race car for 25 years and was an avid motorcyclist. He was a lifetime member of the Wyoming Auto Racing Club. He and Alecia took many trips on their Goldwing and enjoyed the travels together immensely. Jim lost his life here on earth due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident but his family finds peace knowing he died doing what he loved.

Jim is survived by his immediate family; his parents Harold and Dorothy Mein; sisters, Shirley Bruns and Judy Gilbow; brothers, Bill and Bob Mein; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Schulze and Pat Wunsch; brother-in-law, Garry Wunsch and many nieces, nephews and other friends and family.

He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and services will be held there on June 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Burial with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veterans Honor Guard will be at Grandview Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Viewing is at Bohlender Funeral Chapter Wednesday 12:00-7:00pm.

In the midst of everything; God is Good!

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 25. 10:30 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
7755 Greenstone Trail Fort Collins, CO US
Collins, CO

Graveside Service with Military Honors

JUN 25. 1:30 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521
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Tribute Wall

PD

“ I was one of the Webber students that rode Jim's bus this past school year. He was so kind, and would always greet me, and say goodbye. My friend and I got called " Partners in Crime" by him, which was very funny. He always knew when one of us wasn't there. I loved riding his bus, and I am so sad that I will not be able to continue riding with him. He was a great bus driver, and I'm glad I got to know him. I will miss him, but will look forward to seeing him in Heaven. I'm so sorry for your loss.

With lots of Love, Preslie Denton

Preslie D. - July 29, 2015 at 09:28 PM

MB

“ " I am saddened to hear about Jim's passing. He was a good man and I was able to talk with him everyday as our students from McGraw would enter his bus. He cared so much for the safety of these kids. I also rode with him several times to our Eco Week trip in which he would drive us to Estes Park and back. We had great conversations on those trips. He will be missed and God bless his family in this difficult time!"

*Matt Brinkman
Assitant Principal/McGraw IB World School*

matt Brinkman - July 09, 2015 at 06:12 PM

EM

“ Jim was my children's first bus driver. He was always so kind and it was a pleasure to take the kids to the bus stop every morning. Without me asking he moved our stop to a corner closer to our house because we were the only family getting on the bus at that time. It's caring gestures like those that many people will remember about him. We will never forget him and will be praying for your family.

Erin Meyer - July 06, 2015 at 05:19 PM

CD

“ I rode Jim's school bus from kindergarten through my first year in middle school, 7 years. In my 6th grade year I was the last person off the bus. In those 5 minutes that we had to just talk we shared many memories and laughs. Once we were talking about our old dog stories. Another was he saw a man driving a truck and he told me that he had just retired and the district still calls him in to be a substitute bus driver even though he is 89. We had many other memories.

I always loved him and was heart broken to hear about his accident. He was a great, fun, loving, and loved person. May you rest in peace Jim. I love you!

Cami J. Dunn

Cami J. Dunn - July 06, 2015 at 05:00 PM

DP

“ I had heard about Jim's accident but thought he was improving. I like everyone else, was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. As a fellow motorcycle rider, it really hits home when a family is devastated by someones carelessness. Jim was an excellent bus driver, having a great relationship with his students, parents, and co-workers. His bus kids are really going to miss him. The entire Poudre School District transportation department has lost a fine driver, and a good man. Jim truly was one of the good guys!

Denny Pink

Denny Pink - June 27, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Alan Mein.



June 25, 2015 at 06:11 AM

JA

“ John Flanagan and Jane Alexander purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Alan Mein.



John Flanagan and Jane Alexander - June 25, 2015 at 12:19 AM

BJ

“ Jim's family

Was just talking about all the time Chris and Randy played together, and the time we went to the racing with Jim and Alecia.

Thinking of you with Heartfelt sympathy

Gene, Barb, Chris & (Helen) and Brett Johnson

Barbara Johnson - June 24, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DS

“ Jim's family,

I had the pleasure of working with Jim at Fort Collins Light and Power for many years. Although we didn't really every get together socially and I don't recall having had the opportunity to meet any of you, I'd like you to know that it was a real pleasure working with Jim and knowing him over the years. The meomory of Jim that sticks in my mind is one time when I saw him working at Sears, many years ago. I don't recall what it was I was trying to find, but as always, Jim was there and ready to help me. I was looking for a car tool, and had no idea what I needed to do to make the repair. Jim made sure I had the right tool, explained what parts I needed and told me how to do the repair. As I recall, I still manged to do something wrong and Jim later fixed the "repair" I had attempted.

That was the kind of relationship I enjoyed with Jim. He was always ready to help, very knowledgeable and gentle with those of us who didn't have the mechanical insights that he was able to share.

You are in my thoughts and prayers as you deal with loosing Jim, while at the same time celebrating his life, Dennis Sumner.

Dennis Sumner - June 24, 2015 at 12:04 PM

SR

“ Alicia an family I'm so sorry for your loss Jim was such a beautiful person the kids loved Jim. I will always remember Jim when I play oldies he loved his oldies on the school bus. Goodbye Jim rest in peace you will be missed. Shirley Rodríguez



shirley Rodriguez - June 24, 2015 at 10:47 AM

LM

*“ Alecia and family,
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. My god give you the strength to you and your family through this difficult time.
Linda Matthews*

linda matthews - June 24, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ A great friend, who would help when asked. Good memories of watching him race at Lakeside Speedway in Denver and Cheyenne. He helped my brother (Ronnie McAmis) and I (Donnie McAmis) in the early years of our racing. In later years, it was always a pleasure to see Jim and his wife. With our deepest sympathy, Donnie and Debby McAmis.

Debby McAmis - June 23, 2015 at 10:08 PM

GS

“ Alecia and family, I knew Jim for a short time, but those times will always be special to me. I enjoyed hearing about his travels and rides. He must have been a character in his younger days! Best wishes to you and your family. Smitty

Gale Smith - June 23, 2015 at 08:12 PM

KN

“ Dear Alecia and family,
I enjoyed hearing about Jim during my Red Hat Gatherings with Alecia. My heart goes out to all of you!
Kim Nohava

Kim Nohava - June 23, 2015 at 06:25 PM

RM

“ Alecia , So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.
Sincerely,
Roberta

Roberta Machado - June 23, 2015 at 11:35 AM

LS

Alecia & Family,
So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you & family .
Lois Setzer

Lois Setzer - June 24, 2015 at 12:36 PM

ER

So very for your loss!! Love thoughts , and prayers are with all of u. R&R Racing team was so very happy knowing all of your family and the memories we all have from LAKESIDE SPEEDWAY. RIP Jim Mein u will be missed. EiWanda Rhoades

EiWanda Rhoades - June 24, 2015 at 05:09 PM

SL

“ My condolences go out to Alecia and the family. What wonderful memories you have had together. Jim will be missed.

Sally Lester
Chuck Lehman

Sally Lester - June 23, 2015 at 11:06 AM

JH

“ Jim and I joined the Navy together under the "buddy plan", went through boot camp together as well as our first duty station (the uss coral sea). We shared many memories, both of us loved motorcycles and automobiles. He was a fine man I have been proud to know and I'll miss him. John Hoyt

John Hoyt - June 23, 2015 at 06:54 AM

DW

“ We are sad to hear about the passing of Jim the Bus Driver. He got our son to school & home safely for 7 years - always with kind words of encouragement. Thank you!

DeeDee Wright - June 23, 2015 at 12:26 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Alan Mein.



June 22, 2015 at 11:42 PM

DW

“ Jim is a special man he took me in when I was 18 as a helper on his race car and became a mentor in racing and life he is my hero and friend he will be missed by me and any one that new him RIP Jim

Dean Wich - June 22, 2015 at 10:18 PM