



*An Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*

*May the rain fall soft upon your fields*

*And, until we meet again, may God*

*Hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Amen*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*James Paul Hennessy, Jr.*

WHO WAS BORN

January 12, 1941  
Morris, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 3, 2020  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Brian Oestreich

MUSICIANS

Donna Arens, Organist  
Arens Girls, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

Grandsons and Great-Grandsons:

Josh Hennessy | Justin Hennessy | Jordon Hennessy  
Brian Gacke | Dillon Schlimme | Isaac Ebnet | Andrew Hennessy

HONORARY BEARERS

Jim's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren  
Graceville Volunteer Fire Department

READER

Abby Schlimme

GIFT BEARERS

Makaya Hennessy | Tessa Hennessy

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery  
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Jim's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family  
for lunch and fellowship in the parish center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home  
Graceville, Minnesota

James Paul Hennessy, Jr. was born on January 12, 1941, in Morris, MN, to James, Sr. and Elizabeth (Ritter) Hennessy. On August 30, 1958, Jim was united in marriage to Virginia “Ginny” Hills at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Beardsley, MN. Jim and Ginny lived in the Graceville, MN, area until they moved to California in 1959 to be where the job market was more lucrative.

In 1974, the family moved from California to Graceville, MN, where Jim owned a cabinet shop and did carpentry work. Jim and Ginny moved to Chisago City, MN, in 1986, where Jim worked for the State of Minnesota at the correctional facility in Lino Lakes, MN. They moved back to Graceville in 2003 to retire but did take on a custodial position at the Holy Trinity Hospital in Graceville for five years to “ease” into retirement.

On top of being a very talented cabinet maker and carpenter, Jim was a volunteer firefighter in Graceville for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing in his spare time. Jim also loved bowling and going to the casino to try his luck. Activities that Jim enjoyed with his family were traveling and camping. Jim took so much pride in his family and cherished all the time he could spend with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Jim was a perfectionist at everything he did. He always said, “If it isn’t done right, it isn’t worth doing.” He took much pride in the appearance of their home and yard and loved potting flowers in the spring! Jim also honored the American flag and always flew it proudly at their home. Jim was very proud of his Irish heritage! He always enjoyed the St. Patrick’s Day festivities in Graceville, surrounded by family and friends! He proudly pulled the Hennessy family float in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade every year!

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Ginny; his children: Rick (Jill) Hennessy of Graceville, MN; Jim (Evelyn) Hennessy of Ramona, CA; Nancy (Mike) Athey of Ortonville, MN; and Shelly (Bill) Gacke of Sartell, MN; ten grandchildren: Josh (Lisa) Hennessy, Justin Hennessy, Rhonda Hennessy, Jordon (Brietta) Hennessy, Michiko Hennessy, Kimiko Hennessy, Dillon (Jenna) Schlimme, Abby Schlimme, Brian (Lexi) Gacke, and Leah (Tyler) Zak; great-grandchildren: Andrew, Tessa, Gunner, Tucker, Isaac, Makaya, Logan, Bryson, James, Finn, and number 11 baby boy on the way; sister, Cheryn Reeves of Lake Charles, LA; sisters-in-law: Audrey Opitz, Arlene (Willie) Deutsch, Mary Ewert, Joyce Bogenrief, Linda Sibson, Patricia (John) Stoick, Carol (Dean) Palmer, Bonnie (Jerry) Hendricks; and brothers-in-law: Larry Hills and Dale Sykora.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob (Helen) Needham; sister, Eleanor “Tooty” (Milo) Zahnow; brother-in-law, Jim Reeves; parents-in-law, Ora and Hazel Hills; brothers-in-law: Donald (Sally) Hills, Robert Hills, John Hills, and Kenneth (Alma) Hills; and sisters-in-law: Dorothy (Robert) O’Leary and Kathleen Sykora.



*James P. Hennessy, Jr.*  
*1941 - 2020*

