



James L. Vining

OCT 1, 1942 - OCT 14, 2018



Scan to Visit



MEMORIAL PARK
Funeral Home & Cemetery

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 4



James L. Vining

OCT 1, 1942 - OCT 14, 2018

James L. Vining, 76, of Memphis, passed away October 14, 2018. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, October 20 from 11am until the time of the funeral at 1pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. There will be a private burial immediately following. Arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall". Memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Vining's name to...Trustee Fund for Building Maintenance Christ Church Memphis 4488 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38117Or...United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Inc. PO Box 111348, Memphis, TN 38111



Tribute Wall

James L. Vining

OCT 1, 1942 - OCT 14, 2018

KB

Kathy Blake posted:

I start working for Union Planters in 1975 but, hired under Mr. Vining in 1978 in the Investment Department. He was so humble and friendly I couldn't believe he was my boss. He gave you a warm feeling whenever he appears. I went to his office to ask a question about the confirms and computers and I apology for bothering him he said no bother and my doors are always open. He spoke to you by name every time he saw you. When he left to start his own company needless to say I was sadden because I didn't get to go. But, when he came back in 1989 and bought the INV DEPT I was there waiting on him.. (smiling) What a blessing for me and my family. He will always be loved and missed. My condolence to Mrs. Ann with her warm and humbleness and the VINING family with love.

October 19 at 2:08 PM

LJ

Laverne D Jones posted:

We can look forward to the time when all sickness, suffering, and death will be gone forever. Revelation 21:4 I am sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences at this time.

October 18 at 11:54 AM

RP

Rose Oswald Poels posted:

On behalf of Wisconsin's banking industry, please accept our deepest sympathies to Jim's wife Ann and their family on the passing of Jim. He certainly built a great legacy through the formation of Vining Sparks which continues to provide community banks including those in Wisconsin with excellent advice and assistance. Jim was a friend to many of us in the industry in WI and he will be deeply missed.

October 18 at 7:38 AM

TC

Tina Crookshanks posted:

Mr. Vining was certainly one of the best! As an employee of his for 35 years, I can truly say he was the kindest, smartest, most honest and humble man I had the pleasure to know and work for. A true family man that will be missed by so many. Thank You Mr. Vining for all you did for me and my family over the many years. You will never be forgotten. Praying for you Ann, and your lovely family. Tina

October 17 at 2:59 PM



Tribute Wall

James L. Vining

OCT 1, 1942 - OCT 14, 2018

DR

David & Carol Rimmer posted:

I am so sorry for the passing of such a great and fine man who cared so much for his employees. Jim and his family did so much for Memphis community and it passed down to Vining staff to be involved with helping the less fortunate. I cant begin to say how much he has done for my family and how he has touched so many people. He will be missed by so many and remembered by so many. Bless his family and Ann in this time of sorrow who have had a life full of memories to cherish.

October 17 at 1:35 PM

DG

Dan Green posted:

Having known Jim since 1975 at Union Planters Bank, I mourn his passing. He actually hired me 3 times at Vining Sparks and also had given me the thumbs to be hired at U P Bank. I will forever be grateful for him giving me opportunity to be successful. Jim had vision and his laser focus on being successful was unmatched. With a quick analytical mind and seemingly unlimited drive, he, with the help of Willard, built a successful company which gave many of us opportunities for success. I have many memories of him and our relationship over the years. He made himself available to add value to the sales people by doing seminars and client visits and I think he and I set a record when we traveled round trip 2,374 miles in ONE DAY to visit a client ! Jim had the ability to make people around him feel comfortable and at ease, even after becoming very successful. His success never affected how he made others feel. He truly was a unique person and will be missed. I regret that I will not be able to attend the funeral as I will be 500 miles away. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we every be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Thessalonians 4:16-18 ASV Jesus said: "Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted." — Matthew 5:4 ASV

October 17 at 8:41 AM

DM

Doug Mcknight posted:

He liked to simply be called "Vining". I often had a hard time with this because of the enormous respect I've had for Jim over the past 30+ years. I have so many fond memories of him that come to mind but the overriding qualities that sum him up in my mind is trusted advisor, mentor and true friend. I knew I could talk to Jim about anything and he would listen intently and offer careful advice and sound guidance to me. I owe much of my success in business, and in life, to him. I will be forever grateful to him for being in my life and for making me a better person. My prayers are with his precious wife Ann and the entire family. Please know the community that Jim so graciously blessed will always have him in our hearts.

October 16 at 12:50 PM



Tribute Wall

James L. Vining

OCT 1, 1942 - OCT 14, 2018

TM

Tim May posted:

Jim was one of the finest men I ever met. He always had a smile on his face. The memories I have of our work time/golf time will always be a treasure in my heart. Thank you Jim for everything you have done for me and my family. I will miss you until I get to see you again.

October 16 at 9:18 AM

CL

Celeste Longo posted:

What a fine fine man. He will be missed.

October 16 at 3:59 AM

RS

Robert Sparks posted:

Jim was a great friend, scholar and gentleman to my family and myself. I personally appreciated his trusted advice on many topics. One day, perhaps- I can again listen in on the conversations and topical discussions between Jim and Willard. Thank you! Robert

October 15 at 4:27 PM

JG

Jason Gillum posted:

Vining was like a father to me. I'm forever grateful for his time and friendship over the years. I am left with a lot of great memories. He loved his family and friends to the fullest. We have lost a great man in Vining. My prayers and thoughts are with his wife and family during this time.

October 15 at 2:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



MEMORIAL PARK
Funeral Home & Cemetery