



James Mowery

June 3, 1933 - January 28, 2025

James Daniel Louis Mowery, 91, of Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood, lifelong Cubs fan, passed away after a brief illness, January 28, 2025.

He was born on June 3, 1933 in Chicago, IL, the fourth of eight children. He grew up in West Rogers Park on the far North Side and attended Boone Elementary and Senn High School, where he was a gifted athlete and student. An exceptional basketball and baseball player, Jim was double-promoted to graduate at sixteen and drafted by the St. Louis Browns professional baseball team, where he played second base for their Triple-A team in Arkansas.

James married his high school sweetheart, Darlene Davis on May 3, 1951. They had three children: Debra (Michael) Suhajda, James (Kathy) Mowery, Jr. and Thomas (Edwina) Mowery. Sadly, Darlene passed away in childbirth. James married Kathleen A. Hanna on September 16, 1961, and they added children Andrew (Deborah) Mowery and Amy (Philip) Brines. Jim and Kathy were married for more than 55 years.

James worked with his father Harry Mowery in the family painting business for many years, but after finding a wagon wheel along the Mississippi River, he was motivated to open an antique store of his own. Penn Dutchman Antiques was one of the largest antiques stores in Chicago and a staple of the Lincoln Square neighborhood for more than 40 years. He was also a mentor to the

dozens of high school and college kids who worked for him throughout the years.

James was a legend in the Lutheran Athletic Association basketball and 16-inch softball leagues. He played his last softball game at the age of 65 and was a well-respected coach and referee. However, his greatest legacy was his family. He had six children, thirteen grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. He was known for his quick sense of humor, vast knowledge of Chicago history, including Chicago world's fairs, his love of April Fool's Day and devotion to his family and his faith. James and his wife Kathy were long-time members of both St. Philip Lutheran Church and Pilgrim Lutheran Church, both on the North Side.

Jim was one of the few people to have attended all three World Series in which the Chicago Cubs played: 1938, 1945, and 2016.

James is preceded in death by his parents Harry David Mowery and Sarah Engle Mowery; siblings Robert (the late Betty) Mowery, Mary (the late Tom) Loomis, Dorothy (Ron) Rohlicek, and Barbara Ryan; wives Darlene Diane (nee Davis) and Kathleen Ann (nee Hanna); and sons Richard (infant) and James.

Visitation 10am-12noon, Saturday, February 1 at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 2500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. A funeral service and luncheon will follow the wake.

Private family burial service at Rosehill Cemetery.

To make a donation in James D. Mowery's name, please choose St. Jude's Children's Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/>.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N. Ravenswood
Chicago, IL 60660
https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/illinois/chicago/rosehill-cemetery/0306?utm_source=google_my_business&utm_medium=organic

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Lutheran Church
2500 W. Bryn Mawr
Chicago, IL 60659
<https://www.stphiliplutheran.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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2500 W. Bryn Mawr
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<https://www.stphiliplutheran.com/>

Tribute Wall

BM

“ James was my great uncle, I only met him a couple of times unfortunately because I guess our side of the family was estranged due to my grandparents separation. He was a wealth of knowledge of our families rich history and made me proud to be a Mowery. Of course after a visit to his antique shop he didn't let me leave without a gift. He gave me a Billy Williams signed baseball that I will always treasure and I gave him one of my old Coast Guard hats that he seemed honored to receive. I wish our families would have been closer as I know he felt the same. I give my condolences to his children, family members, and everyone who called him a friend.

Brian Mowery - February 03, 2025 at 03:21 PM

SK

Brian, You certainly are right that my brother.. Jim was a very special man and a wonderful brother!! He loved everyone, especially his family and everyone loved him back..... Now- he was quite the tease....especially to his sisters --and I'm sure to his children, grandchildren and as a matter of fact to everyone and we all loved him for it! Would love to hear from you..I live in Bellevue, Washington but have no way to know your last name (assume its Mowery) or how to get in touch with you.. (my husband's name is Arthur Kearney and mine is nancy SALLY Mowery Kearney}.... I hope this note is ok with the family as I'm sure Jim wouldn't mind) in touch!

Sally Mowery Kearney - June 24, 2025 at 01:23 AM

LF

“ Love Titi and the Rodriguez family. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of James Mowery.



Love Titi and the Rodriguez family. - February 01, 2025 at 11:32 AM

TH

“ The H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mowery.

The H. - February 01, 2025 at 03:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Mowery.



January 31, 2025 at 03:53 PM

CB

“ Craig, Trina & Keller Baumgart purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Mowery.



Craig, Trina & Keller Baumgart - January 31, 2025 at 02:16 PM

LF

“ Lewis and Carrie Jones and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mowery.

Lewis and Carrie Jones and family - January 31, 2025 at 12:32 AM

LF

“ Lewis and Carrie Jones and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Mowery.



Lewis and Carrie Jones and family - January 31, 2025 at 12:32 AM

SP

“ Steven P. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Mowery.



Steven P. - January 30, 2025 at 10:28 AM

FF

“ From The Willett family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Mowery.



From The Willett family - January 30, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Mowery.

January 29, 2025 at 10:28 PM

KP

“ Kate P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mowery.

Kate P. - January 29, 2025 at 05:56 PM

#S

“ #sisters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Mowery.



#sisters - January 29, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Mowery.



January 29, 2025 at 04:11 PM



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Team Inclusive Funeral Care - January 29, 2025 at 02:41 PM