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So Long to a Special Teacher and Friend, Mr. Jim Cassey

It is widely know that Mr. Jim Cassey wasn't into conferences, grades, rules and teacher meetings. He just wanted to teach!

But on December 7th Mr. Cassey died of a heart attack at age 69, ending his 45 year teaching career.

Mr. Cassey taught in McCook, O'Neill and at Central Community College. But the students of Grand Island Senior High will remember him from 1970 to 2001, teaching English and Speech as well as coaching Gymnastics and Debate. Then in 2005 Jim Cassey joined Central Catholic staff teaching upper level English classes part-time.

Cassey had thrown himself into his job, spending extra time helping students with college essays and class work, says GICC Superintendent Greg Logdson.

"Jim was a great teacher and a very caring person, the type of teacher strict enough to help you understand that you needed to do your best work to meet up to his standard," Logdson said.

Grand Island Senior High teacher and counselor, Rod Shada remembers his close friend Jim Cassey as a man who simply loved to teach the kids. "Jim was known for his clear instruction, high standards and understanding toward standards during his years of teaching and coaching debate and gymnastics at GISH."

Shada also remembers Jim as a private man outside of the classroom. "But also one who enjoyed many friends and a strong sense of humor. He loved boating, Corvettes and spending time with his wife, Maggie."

Jim married the former Maggie Glass, a member of the GICC Class of 1963, on June 3, 1967 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. With Maggie he enjoyed boating, camping and lake life as well as horse racing. Their unending devotion is obvious to those of us who have been privileged to know them.

Jim Cassey's obituary reads, 'the ancient Roman poet and author Virgil wrote, "your profession is what you were put on earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes a spiritual calling." This was Jim; he was born to be a teacher.

The great admiration and love that many have hared for Mr. Cassey has been shown to the Foundation by the many gifts that continue to come to his memorial.



Jim Cassey

12.1.1939 -
12.7.2008

December Memorials

Jim Cassey
Howard Chairbos
Margaret Doud
George Dilla Jr
Anna V Dorsey
Mary Jo Dowd
Jack Grange
Mary Cathryn Grange
Harry Hoch Sr
John Janovec
John Kennedy
Ken Kulus
Bill Leslie
Dr Robert Leslie
Mike Lewandowski
Susan Donovan Maiefski
Marcia McDermott
Mildred McDermott
Gerhard & Florence Placke
Syl & Mary Placke
Tom Shomsor
Lucy Bell Simon
Edward W Slattery
Pat Vejvoda
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Memorial Gifts are placed in the Central Catholic Foundation Endowment. Only the interest, earnings and gains are used each year to support Grand Island Central Catholic Schools.+

Stop by the Foundation Office to see our "Book of Memories".

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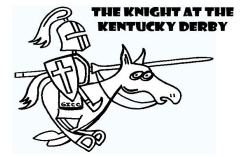
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Central Catholic Board Members serve three-year terms with a maximum two terms.

Thanks to our Foundation Board Members for their unwavering dedication, care and concern for Central Catholic.

The 2008 Knight at the Kentucky Derby Dinner and Auction



The 2008 Knight was held on November 22nd at Fonner Park in the Event Center. There were twenty-two corporate sponsors including:

Ag Express Electronics and Ron's Music 2 years
Agricultural Services/Gil Kuntz 11 years
Bank of the West/Jeremy Mueller 4 years
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Gro-Rite 2 years
Hooker Brothers 2 years
Home Federal Bank 10 years
INSUR, Inc. and Platte Valley State Bank 3 years
MFS York Stormer 8 years
Dr Thomas Nabity, Dr Richard Goble and Dr Timothy Knudsen 1 year
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler 4 years
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network/Steve & Kim Ryan/
With Benefit Administrators, Inc Cindy Margritz 6 years
Saint Francis Medical Center 9 years
Staab Management 9 years
Tier One Bank 10 years
U Save Pharmacy 10 years
Wells Fargo 11 years

Crusader Lottery Calendars

Dave Ostdeik was the \$10,000 Lottery Calendar Winner on November 22nd during the Knight. An additional \$10,000 will be awarded throughout 2009.

**Race to the Finish
Line...
Building the Faith**



Challenge Goal \$4,000,000

Pledged or Paid to Date \$3,700,611

To Complete Challenge \$299,389

637 Pledges to Date

Do you and your loved ones have your "brick" yet on the Crusader Wall of Honor?

Foundation News

- ◆ The second installation of "Bricks" to the *Building the Faith* Capital Campaign will be installed during the first quarter of 2009. It's not too late to request a brick for your family or to honor a loved one.
- ◆ Shonsey and Associates with Shane Stava have completed the 2007-08 audit for the Central Catholic Foundation. Copies of the audit are available in the Foundation Office.
- ◆ Foundation Board Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of January, February, March and May.
- ◆ The Alumni Boy's Basketball Tournament will be held on March 28th.

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