



James Michael Kinney

December 31, 1936 - July 9, 2025

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1936 – 2025

James Michael “Jim” Kinney, 88, passed away peacefully last week, surrounded by his loved ones. Born in Providence, Rhode Island in 1936, Jim spent his formative years in Keene, New Hampshire, where he attended high school. He went on to graduate from Yale University in 1958 and later earned his MBA from Harvard Business School.

A proud veteran, Jim served his country as an officer in the U.S. Navy and was a Plankowner of the original SEAL Team 1—an honor he carried with humility and pride throughout his life.

Jim went on to have a successful career in mortgage banking, serving as CEO of Guild Mortgage in San Diego.

Jim had a deep love of all things Irish, which shone through in his storytelling and his fondness for telling jokes in a lively Irish brogue. He touched many lives and will be deeply missed.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, JoAnne; his children, Randall, Robin, Michael, and Meghan; his nine grandchildren; his two great-grandchildren and his sister Mary. He was a devoted and loving father, remembered for his sharp wit, generous heart, and adventurous spirit.

A farewell viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 16th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Magallon Funeral Home, 421 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA 92084.

A military service will take place on Thursday, July 17th from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. at Miramar National Cemetery, 5775 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 92122.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Navy SEAL Foundation in Jim's memory. Contributions can be made online at www.navysealfoundation.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive
San Diego, CA 92122

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Magallón Funeral Home
1421 North Santa Fe Avenue
Vista, CA 92084
(760) 522-3356
magallonfuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<http://www.magallonfuneralhome.com>

Committal Service / Military Honors

JUL 17. 9:15 AM (PT)

Miramar National Cemetery
5795 Nobel Drive
San Diego, CA 92122

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of James Michael Kinney.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Michael Kinney.

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“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James Michael Kinney.*



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