



## James Guido Savoini

April 7, 1934 - April 29, 2025

Dr. James Guido “Jim” Savoini a beloved father, grandfather “Papa Jim”, husband, brother, friend, cowboy and dedicated veterinarian, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2025 at his home with his family. He was 91 wonderful years old.

Born on April 7, 1934 in Cottonwood, AZ to Leonita and Costantino Savoini, at their family home on the dairy farm. Jim grew up on his family’s dairy farms in Cottonwood and then Prescott, Az. Jim was a star athlete all through high school and college. He received many scholarship offers, but he had his heart set on being a large animal veterinarian, so he accepted a full ride scholarship to play basketball for Colorado A&M. He was accepted to Vet school when he was a junior, and he moved back to Arizona after graduation from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. (Class of 1959). Jim met his wife of 54 years, Marilyn “Mell” Young Savoini at Colorado A&M where they both attended college. They were married on May 4, 1963 and have two children Clint Savoini (Jill) and Jenni Savoini Rioux (Alan). Mell and Jim have five grandchildren Rhett, Jaden, Sloane, Joe and Logan.

Jim built his legacy as a large animal veterinarian (both bovine and equine) throughout the ranches of Arizona and Prescott Downs. He was one of the original owners of the Prescott Animal Hospital and practiced for over 40 years. He served 2 terms on the State of Arizona Veterinary Examiners Board.

He retired at 65 and dedicated the next 25 years to ranching and family.

Roping with his family and friends was a big part of his life. In fact, in 1970 Jim along with “brother Art” competed at the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City. He remained an active member of the PRCA for many years. In addition to roping / rodeo, Jim was a lifelong outdoorsman, as he enjoyed many good trips with his family and friends hunting and fishing across the country and in Africa, New Zealand, Spain and Mexico.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son Clint, daughter Jenni and their families, his cousin George and dear sister-in-law, Susie, and many, many cousins, nephews, nieces and good friends.

There will be a Funeral Mass held on August 14, 2025 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church to be followed by a Celebration of Life the same day (Aug 14th), the location and time to be announced at a later date.

The family encourages that memorials made in Jim’s name be made to Maggie’s Hospice; 801 Miller Valley Rd, Prescott, Az 86301 and the Yavapai County Mounted Sheriff Posse Scholarship Fund; PO Box 95, Prescott, Az 86302.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
150 Fleury St.  
Prescott, AZ 86301

## Celebration of Life

AUG **14**. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Prescott Rodeo Grounds  
840 Rodeo Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86301