



James N. "Jim" Brown

October 7, 1935 - August 24, 2018

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St. Cloud

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Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at The Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, MN for James N Brown age 82, who died Friday, August 24, 2018 at the VA Medical Center surround by family. Entombment will be in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, and again on Wednesday 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph gathering space.

Jim was born on October 7, 1935 in Rockville, MN to Orval and Elizabeth (Klinkner) Brown. He married Delphine "Del" Eikmeier on July 7, 1962 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. They were blessed with five children. Jim loved old cars and "supervising" projects. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers local 49, St. Cloud VFW Post 428, Waite Park American Legion, The Church of St. Joseph and St. Cloud Pantowners.

He is survived by his wife, Del; children, Bryan (Paula), Kevin (Wendy), Jason (Tina), Janelle (Rick) Notsch; sister, Delores; 18 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Tom and Betty; and son-in-law, Keith Harren.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

Events

AUG 28 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Heritage Hall at the Church of St. Joseph
12 West Minnesota Street, St. Joseph, MN, US, 56374

AUG 29 **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:15AM

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12 West Minnesota Street, St. Joseph, MN, US, 56374

AUG 29 **Funeral Services** 10:30AM

Church of St. Joseph
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Comments



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Randa Haakma - August 29, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ A beautiful service today, and a fitting song to send my Uncle Jim on his new journey. Hugs and love to all my Minnesota Family, so glad my Mom and are are here with you.



Sherri Brown Juarez - August 29, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ From niece Jody Brown Haakma

I was so saddened to hear recently that my Uncle Jim had been diagnosed with cancer. I was comforted to learn that he was not in immense pain and was receiving excellent care at the Minnesota Veterans Administration Hospital. I was hoping that my daughter and I could fly to Minnesota to see him one more time. Sadly this was not to be. Surrounded by his family he took his last breath and went to be with his family in heaven.

I have many memories of our families visit to each other in Minnesota and in California. My first memories are of being in Minnesota at Uncle Jim and Aunt Dells in the snow having snowball fights and playing all day and then a delicious dinner . Later my Uncle Jim and Dad playing pool in the basement having Windsor and pop. I remember that my Uncle always called it pop. And yes he did have a robust laughter. That is the thing I think I'll remember the most about my uncle Jim was his laugh. Boy, am I so thankful for all of the times in his company.

I recall the last time I visited Minnesota was for his 50th Wedding Anniversary. While staying with Jim and Del, he took me for a short trip in my Dad's 450 sl Mercedes. He cruised it around for just a short ride. I really enjoyed being in that car again. Just my Dad's brother and me. A memory I will always remember.

Randa Haakma - August 29, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ I never had a chance to know uncle Jim very well. The one thing I did know was he always had a smile and knew how to appreciate a good joke and have a good laugh. There was this one time he and Aunt Del were visiting with my grandma and grandpa, which was exciting for two reasons; the first that I would be able to see both of them and the second because my grandma would have soda at the house. She rarely bought soda, but when the family came to visit she went out and got 2 big liters of coke. At some point in the day she had cut me off warning me not to have anymore soda. After a while I saw uncle Jim go into the kitchen, and he began making his drink which he commonly referred to as "Minnesota soda". When he got distracted I took my chance for another drink of coke unknowing putting the other ingredient (whiskey) in my mouth . My face turned bright red as I could not swallow the burning drink and did not want to spit it out (because my grandma was there now and I didnt want her to know I disobeyed her). But uncle Jim took notice of this and just began to laugh, a good strong laugh, to which my grandma took notice and then yelled for me to "spit it out". I did, and after I was done rinsing my mouth my grandma asked me "what have you learned?" to which I replied: "I dont like Minnesota soda"! Uncle Jim simply smiled and stated "you will someday". Holy buckets was he right! A cheers to uncle jim for being one of the happiest persons Ive known, and many prayers and hugs to my Minnesota family during this time.



Randa Haakma - August 29, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ Sarah and Jim in California



Sherri Brown Juarez - August 27, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ I'm sad I never got to know Uncle Jim better... but I know he is up there with grandpa and GG having hot chocolate and making sure our lives end up for the better so we may see them again. I send my love to my family out in Minnesota... wish I was there with you guys. Love you..



“ I was so saddened to hear very recently that my Uncle Jim had been diagnosed with cancer. From speaking with Brian and Janel, I was comforted to learn that that he was not suffering immensely and that he was receiving excellent care at the Minnesota Vetrans Administration Hospital. I was hoping that my daughter Randa and I could fly to see him one last time, however we found out that he had less time than we had first believe. So suddenly he took his last breath with his loving family on earth and went to be with his heavenly family forevermore.

In the short brief cherished times our families were together, I always remember my Dad and Uncle Jim playing billiards and having laughs in the basement of Uncle Jim's house. I remembered thinking how cool it would be if us sisters in California had a pool table to play with. Well it did come several years later.

But still it came and when Del and Jim did come to visit, the game my Uncle and Dad did still play. Always loved to see him smile and to hear his phrases. And to feel his laughter.

I truly treasure all moments spent in their company. The memory that I will always remember was when my Mom and I visited Minnesota for Del and Jim's 50Th wedding anniversary. We stayed with them as always, and one day he took me for a short trip. A spin in my Dad's old 450sl Mercedes. Just a shot drive. But Wow! I really enjoyed being in that car again. Remembered being in it with my Dad and now with my Uncle Jim.

My condolences to the Brown family. May God bless you and keep you all.
Jody, Randy, & Randa Haakma

Jody Haakma - August 27, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ My uncle Jim was an amazing man who I will miss. I am so thankful to have been born into such a loving family and when I was younger I really enjoyed visiting my uncle Jim in Minnesota and playing in the corn fields. I will always remember what a great man he was and how much he loved his family. I will miss my uncle Jim.

Marisa - August 27, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ My Uncle Jim.
Hasn't just left us, but left us better people.
My earliest memories of my uncle loom large in my mind.
His BOLD Laugh ecos through every memory I have of my fathers brother.
Now I will wait, and think back with fondness of the moments we have shared and the greatman who was my Uncle Jim.
Till we see you again Jim
Hugs & Love Sherri & the Juarez...

Family

Sherri Brown Juarez - August 27, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Mary Brown lit a candle in memory of James N. "Jim" Brown



Mary Brown - August 27, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James N. "Jim" Brown.



August 27, 2018 at 08:49 AM



“ Randy Haakma lit a candle in memory of James N. "Jim" Brown



Randy Haakma - August 26, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ Jim and Del and their family treated me and my family as VIPs when we visited them in Minnesota. Jims good nature and friendly attitude is something I will never forget..GOD BLESS- REST IN PEACE.Randy,Jody and Randa Haakma

Randy Haakma - August 26, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ My mom and I have many photos of Uncle Jim but most were boxed away in our move ... here's a couple I had handy on my computer



Terri Brown-Guerra - August 26, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ From Niece Terri Brown Guerra

Uncle Jim has such a special place in my heart... he was fun loving, hardworking, and he loved to laugh that big jovial laugh. He had a sarcastic wit, much like his brother (my father) Tom, that was so endearing to me. Time spent with Jim and his family always brought a smile to my face... In fact, just thinking of him and my Minnesota family brings a smile to my face.

One of my favorite memories of Jim was when he and Del came to visit us here in CA many years ago. Sherri and Jody were both pregnant at the time and they were comparing the size of their baby bellies in the living room mirror. Jim walked over, lifted up his shirt, and through a profile of his belly into the mix... and his was the biggest of all! How I wish I had a picture of THAT! It was hilarious and we girls laugh about it still. He was (and is) truly loved.

Terri Brown Guerra - August 26, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ From Sister-In-Law Jean Brown and Family

Jim and his family mean a lot to us here in California because he and his family always made our visits so memorable. He was always using his favorite expression, “Holy Buckets,” and now that expression has traveled to California via our family. We find ourselves saying “Holy Buckets” to one another from time to time...thinking of Jim... and then laughing together. In the later years, Jim always had his grand kids hanging on or around him. He said one time it was fun to spoil them the way he wished he could have spoiled his own kids if work hadn't taken him away so many hours. He was a wonderful man and an important part of our lives... He will always be remembered... Always... Always!!!

Jean Brown - August 26, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ This is from Jim's niece Renni from California. Many years ago my sisters and I and our mother conspired to give my dad, Tom, a surprise birthday party. Jim and his sisters, Delores and Betty were a very important part of the surprise. They flew in from Minnesota just for the event. My dad could not believe his eyes when they turned around. Much love, laughter, and excited conversations were shared. Pretty happy memory of the four siblings together. And the visiting went on for a week, as we had lied to my father, planning a fake trip to Monterey so that he would have a week of vacation already planned. Jim and Delores and Betty and all their spouses and children were always so important to my Dad and still are to the California clan.

renni bejach - August 25, 2018 at 04:53 AM



“ Barb Brown-Gravelle lit a candle in memory of James N. "Jim" Brown



Barb Brown-Gravelle - August 24, 2018 at 10:34 PM