



James T. Murphy

May 5, 1961 - September 23, 2020

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thurs. Oct. 1 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton St, West St Paul, MN 55118 for James Thomas Murphy who was born May 5, 1961 in St. Paul, MN to Thomas F. and Paula (Bender) Murphy-Goetzke.

Jimmy Tom worked as a boiler engineer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and his dogs, Jessie and Surge. Big Jim was a great friend to many.

He is survived by his mom, Paula (Norm) Goetzke; siblings, Pat (Donna) Murphy and Janet (Tom) Fangel; uncles, John (Liz) Murphy, John (Barb) Bender; aunt, Cathi (Bender) Erichsen; niece, Madeline Murphy; nephew, Luke Fangel, Dylan (Erin) Fangel, Christopher Murphy, and Isaac Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Tom (1/30/96); uncle, Daniel Murphy; aunts, Rita (Jim) Duffy, Virginia Murphy, and Sarah (Sally)(Tom) Skahen.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
1575 Charlton St,
West St Paul, MN 55118

Tribute Wall



“ We’re going on five years without you now Jim. Christmas is the hardest season to be without you. That was the time of year I saw you most alive. On a snowmobile or about to go out snowmobiling, not scared to drive in the snow, always enthusiastic to have others with you. A lot of people have come and gone in our lives since you left us. There is never getting over someone, especially somebody like you. It’s a scar on the heart that heals, but is always there. Life goes on and becomes sweet again. But the sweetness you brought, and the adventure you brought to my life I’ll always fondly remember

You would be so proud of Madeline, Christopher and Isaac. Madeline got married in August to her childhood sweetheart Andrew. He’s such a sweet man. I love him like a son. She definitely got a good catch, but he got one even better

Christopher is very much in love with a wonderful girl named Kylie. I’m pretty sure he’s going to marry her. He bought a house out in White Bear Lake Township down the road from where you went to 917 vocational school. He’s working very hard on his house, and working for me, but he gets to spend all his free time with Kylie and I believe they are both very happy.

Isaac is growing up to be such a handsome young man. Full of mischief and rebellion but he has a heart of gold just like you did. He’s gonna be doing something special in life. I can’t wait to see what it is.

A beautiful bride, Donna has been so strong and encouraging. She has been by my side through thick and thin and trust me I put her through a lot. She has become more and more beautiful every day. You would be proud of her and how well she has taken care of this family. The other day, Donna lost her mother unexpectedly. She didn’t have a chance to say goodbye like I did with you. Her heart is broken, but I know she will recover. She is the strongest person I ever met. God has really blessed me through her, and I no God is taking care of her right now.

I know this letter is more for me and I know you can’t read it. But it is

still nice to talk to you in some way. I hope this message gets to you. I can only imagine all the suggestions and the encouragement that you would be giving me about how to make things better or how blessed I am to have such a beautiful family. And as always, I would always tell you that I have a beautiful family because I married the right girl.

Goodbye for now I'll try to give you an update sometime Hopefully by next Christmas, I can let you know about the family again.

*I miss you a Lot. I still love you. Rest well
Pat.*

Pat Murphy - December 26, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ *James T. Murphy*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Pat Murphy - September 28, 2020 at 01:07 AM

PM

These are some childhood pictures of Jim, and the one in the bottom right hand corner as big gym with his youngest nephew Isaac Murphy. He was a great uncle, son, friend and Brother.

Up until the end he was always concerned with how everyone was doing and if everything was OK with everyone. He truly was my protector. You will always be loved Big Jim. Your little brother Pat and family.

Pat Murphy - October 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM

PM

“ I will forever miss you. You being my brother has been one of the greatest experience of my life. I am so proud of you and I'll never let my family forget you. I hope to see you again and be tougher forever. Rest now and know that your family loves you. Pat

Pat Murphy - September 28, 2020 at 12:52 AM

JF

“ Janet Fangel lit a candle in memory of James T. Murphy



Janet Fangel - September 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JF

*It's been an honor to be your little sister! I miss you more than you could ever imagine! I'm glad you're not suffering anymore. Thank you for being my Big Brother!
Love you ❤️
Janet*

Janet Fangel - September 27, 2020 at 10:13 PM

PM

Janet, Jim was so proud of you and your family. You guys always made him feel a part of things. He was very proud of your family and made mention of you all regularly in our daily talks.

You know Jim always wanted to live at the cabin ever since he was a little boy. Once his health started declining he needed a lot of care and should have been at a assisted living home. You and your family enabled him to live the last few years on his own. That was such a kind and beautiful act of love from you Tom and your family.

Thank you. Pat and Donna Murphy and family

Pat Murphy - September 28, 2020 at 12:49 AM