

James Harvey Osborne

February 11, 1943 (Rockford, IL) September 16, 2019 (Woodruff, WI)

James Harvey Osborne, age 76 of Arbor Vitae, WI died on Monday, September 16th at the Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff, WI.



Jim was born on February 11, 1943, in Rockford, IL to Sam and Katherine Osborne. He grew up in Rockford and graduated from Rockford West High School in 1961. He enjoyed being the quarterback for the football team and earned a scholarship to Dakota Wesleyan University, majoring in business. An injury changed his plans, and he returned to Rockford where he attended Rockford College at night and served a meat cutter apprenticeship during the day. When he became a journeyman meat cutter, he worked in the grocery business as a meat cutter, meat department manager, and store manager at several Rockford food stores.

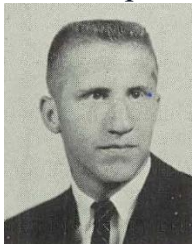
Jim met and married his first Wife, Suzanne, and they had three Children. Jim's parents had a summer home in Manitowish Waters where he spent as much time as possible on the lake. As a teenager, he taught water skiing, and in 1960, the Skiing Skeeters Ski Club. Their first show was on the 4th of July 1961. Jim always loved the North woods, and, in the seventies, he moved the family North.

In March of 1974, Jim worked in Harry's Supermarket in March 1974 as the meat manager. He really enjoyed interacting with customers. He also started his own deer processing operation in his garage. He was a member of the Manitowish Waters Lions Club for many years serving as president from 1996 to 1998 and was Lion of the year in 1995 to 1996.

Jim was a hard worker and a great Husband. He lost Wife Sue in 1991 and remained single for thirteen years until he met and married his Sharon on June 5, 2004. Jim stayed at the same store until he retired and then became a Ranger at Trout Lake Golf course and the St. Germain Golf Club. Jim was an avid golfer and got his first hole in one at Trout Lake. He was also a great Packer, St. Louis Cardinal, and NASCAR fan. He liked traveling, reading, working mathematical problems, and visiting Florida beaches.

Jim is survived by his Wife Sharon of Arbor Vitae, her four Children and their fur baby, Tika; Daughter Cathy (David) Franck of Osseo, WI; Son Jimmy of Rhinelander, WI; and Sisters Sandra Milligan of Rockford, IL and Kathy (Jeff) Rice of Prior Lake, MN; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Jim was predeceased by his Parents; first Wife, Suzanne; and the heart-breaking loss of their 4-year-old Daughter, Nancy Hope Osborne; Brother, Sam Osborne; and Sister, Judy Osborne.



The Osborne family thanks the staff at Seasons of Life Hospice House and the Nimsgern Funeral Home for their care and compassion. A Memorial Gathering for Jim will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at Nimsgern Funeral Home Chapel in Woodruff, WI from 10:00 am to 11:00 am followed by the Memorial Service and reception. Online condolences may be shared at www.nimsgernfuneral.com.

Reference:

Warrior 1960 West High School Yearbook, Rockford, IL Page 84