



## James "Jim" E. Herbst

November 20, 1944 - September 2, 2022

James "Jim" E. Herbst

age 77, of Park Falls, died on Friday September 2, 2022 at Park Manor Nursing Home with his family by his side. He was born on November 20, 1944 in Park Falls, the son of Stephen Sr. and Nellie (Hyke) Herbst. His early life and schooling were in Park Falls. After graduating from Park Falls Lincoln High School, Jim studied at UW Stout for two years. On June 12, 1965 he married the love of his life, Laurie Ferkovich in Park Falls. Jim worked many years at the Flambeau Paper Mill before becoming owner and operator of Flambeau Oil for 32 years. Jim was a member of the Fire Department and Knights of Columbus. He was also a very active member of the Park Falls Country Club where he thoroughly enjoyed spending his time, especially teaching the youth. Jim loved the outdoors and watching all Wisconsin Sports. He particularly enjoyed camping, playing cards, and hanging out at the Club 7 cabin he built with his friends. Most of all, he loved being with his family.

He is survived by his wife Laurie, (2)children: Diana (Gary) Metz of Tomah, WI and Scott (Shari) Herbst of Elko New Market, MN. (7)grandchildren: Alyssa, Ryan, Brady, Justin, Kayla, Korrie, and Alexandria. His sister: Christine (Randy Thimmesch) Anderson of Green Bay, and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son P.J. Herbst, (3)brothers: Walter, Roger, and Stephen Jr. and sister Shirley Cosme.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 11:00am. Fr. Shaji Pazhkkathara and Deacon Chet Ball will co-officiate.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday at the church from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 5th Ave South  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Funeral Mass

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church  
276 S 5th Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143  
(715) 762-4494

## Graveside

SEP 7 (CT)

Nola Cemetery  
Park Falls, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" E. Herbst

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Jim and Laurie always welcomed us (Johnson Family) to their home and usually their backyard deck. Those memories will stay with me forever. I always tried to remember to say Thank You, I say "Thank You" one last time Jim.

Ken Johnson - September 09, 2022 at 11:57 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of James "Jim" E. Herbst.



September 09, 2022 at 04:13 PM

GE

“Life is but a picture, Paint it well!” The 1962 Park Falls Lincoln High School graduation class motto. Jim emulated that motto his entire life. I mean how many Jim’s do you have on one football team? Two great QB’s, a center “protector” a couple of guards, 2 tackles, 2 ends and a full back, who could kick field goals and extra points. There we were and what great memories of Jim.

He supported. the Park Falls Education and athletic system not to mention keeping many families warm with fuel oil during the cold winters.

His dedication to the Class of “62 class reunion committee continued for 60 years. My heart is saddened with his passing. His legacy will continue to carry on in Park Falls, WI.

He will be missed by the love of his life, Laurie and his children and family. It was truly an honor to say yes...I knew Jim, as we go on, we remember all the times we had together, and as our lives change come whatever, we will still be friends forever! Gary Erickson

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**Gary Erickson** - September 07, 2022 at 07:12 PM

GS

“ Our condolences to all of the family for your loss. Jim was a great guy and fun to be around. I will always remember our "dinner swaps" with him and Club 7 during the gun seasons. It was always fun to get the guys together and swap stories.

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**Greg Schauer** - September 07, 2022 at 02:29 PM

AT

“ ATEK purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of James "Jim" E. Herbst.



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**ATEK** - September 07, 2022 at 09:44 AM

AT

“ I am sorry to learn of Jim's passing. My sincere sympathy to his family and all who loved him.

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**Alice C. Tucker** - September 06, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DE

“ My heart goes out to Jim's family. He will definitely be missed at DaVita as he always brightened our day with his quick wit and humor. Most of the staff at DaVita called him George but I called him Sparky as he was always teasing someone. Everyone misses him terribly already. You're not supposed to have favorites here but he was most certainly one of our favorites. Prayers and hugs to Jim's family.

*Deb Handrick (better known as Mighty Mouse by Jim)*

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**Deb** - September 06, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JR

“ To the class of '62 and the many friends of Jim. Jim and I had many things in common. What possibly could that be you may be saying. Well we are both Jim's but I was called "melonhead" long before he was referred to as "Jughead". As seniors in High school in 1962, Jim was my center in football and when he got over the ball his butt was so high that as the QB, I could see not only the ball in his hand but a couple of yards ahead. At Phillips when we got close to the goal on two occasions, he said to me, "just duck under me at the snap and you'll have clear sailing over the goal line for a TD". We did that twice in that game. We also went to Stout together and roomed there with Bob Raap. My heart is broken, he will be sorely missed.

*Jim Rebne*

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**james richard rebne** - September 05, 2022 at 11:56 PM

JK

“ I have a lot of wonderful memories of Jim. We played football, basketball and track together all through high school. One memory I have is when we were on the JV team. Jim was the center and I was playing quarterback. We were close to the goal line and needed a score. Jim turned to me and said "when I snap you the ball, just follow me". I did. And we made it. His strength and commitment to the team was always there. He continued after we graduated by helping to organize many class reunions. My heart is broken to hear of his passing. My best to Laurie and the family.

*Jim Koshak*

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**Jim Koshak** - September 05, 2022 at 03:15 PM

BS

“ *Jim delivered fuel to us for years. Always friendly. Jim and Laurie were neighbors for many years. Very good people. Rest In Peace Jim!*

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**Barbara Schneider** - September 05, 2022 at 01:33 PM

BB

“ *To us in the class of '62, Jim was known as 'George', and I have no idea why that was. Jim was a large guy with a big heart, and a good friend to everyone.*  
*Bob Boettcher*

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**Bob Boettcher** - September 05, 2022 at 11:38 AM