



James "Jim" A. Thibedeau

October 29, 1933 - August 27, 2020

James "Jim" A. Thibedeau died peacefully at Flambeau Hospital on August 27, 2020, in Park Falls, WI, at the age of 86.

Jim is survived by wife, Jeanette; children, Patricia Thibedeau and Barbara and David Hegewald; grandchildren, Audryn, Catherine, Garrett, Madison, Matthew, Aaron, and Elizabeth; siblings, Bert Ansorge of Delafield, WI and Beverly O'Donnell of Park Falls, WI; brothers-in-law Don Plein of Phillips, WI and Frank Palko of Mequon, WI, and countless members of his extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Margaret Thibedeau and Betty Diebold and brother Neal Thibedeau.

Jim was born on October 29, 1933, in Couderay, WI, to Olive and Arthur Thibedeau, moved to Park Falls, WI, in 1942, and graduated from Park Falls High School in 1951. Jim honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1956-1958 with 16 months in Korea. He married his best friend, the love of his life, Jeanette Palko, in 1959. Jim worked at Flambeau Paper Mill in Park Falls for over 37 years. He was very active in the union where he served as a dedicated officer for over 28 years, including 9 as president. After retirement, Jim became a hardworking part of the Park Falls True Value family for 23 years and enjoyed seeing members of the community on a weekly basis. Jim was a longtime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

An avid bowler, Jim bowled for over 50 years at Feit's Lanes in Park Falls where he served as league secretary. Believing in the power of what is now

Northwoods Community Credit Union, Jim served on the credit committee for over 19 years. Jim enjoyed sports and played fast-pitch softball and baseball. He was a lifetime Green Bay Packer, Chicago Cubs, and Milwaukee Brewers fan. Jim was a regular at-home contestant on Wheel-of-Fortune and was easily engaged on any discussion involving current events.

Anyone who knew Jim, knew that he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family; nothing was more precious to him than his beloved wife, daughters, and grandchildren. His constant displays of unconditional love found him supporting those in need, offering advice after listening, and always encouraging and accepting others at their station in life. He was a kind and loving partner to his wife Jean, as well as a supportive father to his daughters Patricia and Barbara. His kindness, confidence, strength, and quick-witted sense of humor will be missed.

A visitation with the family is scheduled for September 11, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Birch Street Funeral Service in Park Falls with a prayer service to begin at 7:00 pm. Jim' funeral is scheduled for September 12, at 11:00 am at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Shaji officiating. Interment will follow at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls, WI, with military rights. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jim's life with his friends and family.

The family would like to thank everyone at Marshfield Clinic and Flambeau Hospital for their compassionate care during Jim's visits with a special thank you to Dr. Danial and Dr. Kasirye.

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Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
350 Birch Street
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287
birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com
<https://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com>

Parish Prayer Vigil

SEP 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" A. Thibedeau

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ I just saw this -- know that thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

~ Lexi (Sheldon) Schafer

Lexi Schafer - October 01, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ With Love, New Life Academy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" A. Thibedeau.



With Love, New Life Academy - September 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Uncle Jim shared many stories with those who wanted to listen. I truly enjoyed my visits to their home through the years. I appreciated his dry sense of humor and will miss him. Melissa Sessions

Melissa Sessions - September 06, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ I have so many memories of Uncle Jim and every time I saw him he had a big smile, warm greeting, and clapped his hands and said so what's new with you? Our lives have been touched in many ways because of you. When my Mom was sick you held your wife's hand and helped her through losing her sister. You supported our family and whatever we needed you made sure it was provided. You may not have been there every day, but I know you were present because of being able to help Aunt Jean get through a very difficult time. Uncle Jim was a man of God and an inspiration to many. He had his priorities straight and he lived a life that I hope has earned him his eternal glory in heaven. Give my Mom a hug for me, and until we meet again, I love you much!!
Debbie

Deb Feldbruegge - September 01, 2020 at 01:26 PM

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“ Jim will always hold special memories for me. He was one of the best human beings I have ever known. He truly held his beliefs with the greater good for all as his driving force. His love and pride for his family was on constant display simply in how he spoke to them and about them. I always knew when he was on the phone with his wife Jean because it always included a few "yes dears" and every call ended with "love you much." He will be missed.

Renee - September 01, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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Christophe
Jolin

“ I was so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with him at the hardware store and enjoyed him so much....such a character.
Praying for Jean and the family

Tonya Christopher Jolin - August 31, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Such a vivid picture of Uncle Jimmy with that great smile of his. Offered great life advice and you never doubted his love for his family. Love you Uncle Jim.*

Betty Jo and Randy - August 31, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" A. Thibedeau.*



August 31, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Your Park Falls True Value Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James "Jim" A. Thibedeau.*

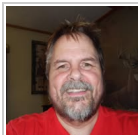


Your Park Falls True Value Family - August 31, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ *Jim was such a very kind man. His smile will be missed.*

Connie & Tom - August 31, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Jim was a very hard working man and was always there to help others. Blessings for your entire family Jim see you on day in the better place.*

Jeff Kobus - August 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM