



James Michael Litwaitis

May 4, 1942 - October 29, 2024

James Michael Litwaitis

age 82, of Park Falls, died on Tuesday October 29, 2024, at his home. He was born on May 4, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Anthony and Helen (Ferenczy) Litwaitis. After graduating high school, Jim earned a bachelor's degree in English from Western Michigan University. On June 13, 1964, he married Judith Ann Russell. The couple moved to Park Falls in 1973. Jim was the Vice President of St. Croix Rod Company for 32 years and after retiring, worked for H&R Block for six years. He enjoyed softball, golf, bowling, and was very active with St. Anthony's Catholic Church, but he most of all loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. Beyond the profound impact he had on our family, papa touched countless lives in the community. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. Friends, neighbors, and even acquaintances would often tell me how amazing he was—how he'd helped them in times of need, listened with genuine compassion, or simply brightened their day with his warmth and humor. He was a friend to all, a mentor to many, and a true example of kindness. His legacy extends far beyond our family, and the stories people share about him are a testament to the extraordinary man he was.

He is survived by (5)children: Jeff (Nikki) Litwaitis of Park Falls, Joe (Kristin) Litwaitis of Marshfield, Jerry (Crystal) Litwaitis of Hewit, Julie Kissinger of Park Falls, and Jason (Becky) Litwaitis of Milwaukee, (10)grandchildren: Jordan,

Ashley, Alexie , Jaden, Sierra, Sydney, Kiersten, Hannah, Hailey, & Emma, (3)great-grandchildren: Anastaseya, Carter, & Aubriella, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Judy.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls on Monday November 4, 2024, at 11:00am. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara and Deacon Chet Ball will co-officiate.

Burial will follow at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls.

A visitation will be held on Monday at the church from 9:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ David J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Michael Litwaitis.

David J. - November 05, 2024 at 10:05 AM

“ To the Family of James Litwaitis

To all those who called Jim – Soulmate, Grandpa, great-grandpa, Brother, brother-in-law, and Friend. Our deepest heart sympathy especially to your entire family.

I was amazed at Jims energy as an adult running around like a teenager.

He was an incredible and energetic leader in our Price County Communities.. 😊

I remember him well by his involvement and dedication to improve our Leadership and innovation,

thru his involvement in business group called APICS. In efforts in making our local industries more knowledgeable and profitable.

Plus, I loved his sense of humor and Storytelling. The funniest I remember being how he enjoyed whispering humorous gossip at work, to just to see how long it would take to get back to him. He obviously dedicated himself to the task of Serve to Others.

We will miss his smile, friendly and loving compassion for people, a fine example of being Christian.

May his entire family savor the fond memories of what your family shared with one another.

And cherish those moments in time. Life is always too short, but we can make those memories,

bring a bright and cheerful life with all our loved ones.

May God bless you with many fond memories.

Below is a poem that summarizes life's journey, I believe.

A reading by a man who stood up to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on their tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and he spoke the following date, with tears.

But said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

*For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on the Earth.
And now only those who loved them know
what that little line is worth.....
We don't choose our birth date or death date,
but we do decide how we live the in-between and make the most of
your life....*

*Greeks did NOT have obituaries.
They only asked.. "Did they live with PASSION??" Jim, sure did!*

*In Greek AGAPE means "Love as an Action" -
Act as what you Do, makes a Difference.*

Grief is the price we pay for Love. – Queen Elizabeth

*Soulmate/Family quotes:
"They say friends are the family we choose. Being chosen was the
greatest moment of my life
and when they passed, it was the worst moment of my life."
I can't lose you. Because if I ever did, I'd have lost my best friend,
my smile, my laugh, my everything. --Unknown*

*May God comfort your family in his arms.
God Bless you all...*

Dan & Lynn Beck - Phillips, WI

One Big bear hug to your Family.

Daniel Beck - November 02, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ Jim was such a pillar of faith and I so enjoyed listening to him when he came in as a guest to lead our Confirmation class. I feel like I have known him forever. (Every greeting with Jim was the same, Me: Hi Jim, How are you doing? Jim: Pretty good for an old duffer.) I will miss him at Mass and in the Park Falls neighborhood -- he was just a great guy. He served his family and his faith community so completely and was never afraid to share his deep faith. Today, Jim's family mourns, but I know that Jim has entered into his Heavenly reward and is worshipping at the throne of the very God he served his entire life. My sympathy to the entire Litwaitus family as his passing will surely leave a void that only wonderful memories and a Father's love can fill.

Cindy K - November 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ I met Jim when I started working at St Croix as he played a huge part in creating the famous St Croix line of fishing poles. Then met Judy also as our kids went to St A's. I loved our little talks. Humor, compassion, ideas, etc were all bounced around. I would always try to run into Jim when I came back to town and I will miss those visits. I hope his family all know just how many people he touched, and my sympathy goes out to you.

Sue Seidl - November 01, 2024 at 09:10 AM

CK

“ Jim was a wonderful guy. He would always give me a huge hug when he sees me. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Carol Rae

Carol R Kulibert - October 31, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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“ Jim was a good friend. We were on the same bowling team at Feits for a few years. He was just a really nice guy and friend to all. My sympathy to the family.

Wayne Herbst

Wayne Herbst - October 31, 2024 at 01:36 PM

JK

“ If you needed help, Jim was there. If you had a serious concern, Jim was there. If you needed help with your golf swing, Jim was there. If you were discouraged, Jim was there to help. Such a wonderful man will be missed in so many ways. Rest in peace "Lit".

Jean & Jim Koller - October 31, 2024 at 09:58 AM

NL

So true, thank you

Nikki Litwaitis - November 01, 2024 at 08:10 AM