



## James J. Pritzl

July 9, 1928 - November 23, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, James J. Pritzl,

age 94 of Park Falls who died peacefully at his home on Wednesday November 23, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 9, 1928, the son of Alois and Mary (Ernst) Pritzl. Jim attended St. Anthony's Catholic school before graduating from Park Falls High School. He met the love of his life and best friend, Coreen Bruch at a local polka dance. They married on July 2nd, 1949, in Butternut, WI and enjoyed 73 wonderful years together raising a loving, devoted family, running a family business, and experiencing many adventures while traveling. Jim was a "jack of all trades". He worked as a meat cutter for a short time at National Key in Park Falls, then he worked at the Flambeau River Paper Mill for 21 years before taking over as owner and operator of Pritzl Beverage, Inc. Jim was devout in his faith, a lifetime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He loved his community and was involved in the Knights of Columbus, the St. Anthony's Athletic Committee, the Jonny Angel Foundation and was also a Chamber Ambassador. He loved being active and loved the outdoors. He loved woodworking, especially cabinet making. He looked forward to being down at the farm in the spring gathering sap and making maple syrup. He loved gardening and eating all the vegetables especially fresh tomatoes. He also enjoyed golfing and talked a lot about the Sniff and Snort events he planned back in the day. He was a hunter and fisherman. He loved a good game of

cards whether it was poker night at the shack or playing cards after a family dinner. He enjoyed logging and cutting firewood, baking cookies and pies, making jerky, sauerkraut, smoking fish, pickling almost anything and polka dancing with his wife who he affectionately referred to as his "Poopsie". Most of all, he loved spending time with family celebrating every holiday together as well as get-togethers at the cabin on Butternut Lake where many picnics and dumpling feeds were held, and much love and laughter was shared by immediate and extended family and friends. He shared many stories of his life with us around the campfire for which we will be forever grateful. He gifted a nickname to every child, grandchild and great grandchild that stuck, and he loved every one of them with all his heart. Those who knew our dad will forever remember his smile and infectious laughter, his acceptance of everyone and anyone who entered his life and his amazing sense of humor. Even in times of extreme challenge he always knew how to make us laugh. He was our gift, and we are truly blessed to have spent so many years with him.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Coreen, his (3)children; Judy (Dan) Seifert of Park Falls, Sam (Mary) Pritzl of Park Falls, Jean (Rick) Estes of Woodbury, MN and daughter-in-law; Patti Pritzl of Park Falls, (10)grandchildren; Joshua (Sarah) Pritzl, Rebecca (Matt) Seifert Lynch, Heather (Matt) Smetak, Jennifer (Garison) Spaeth, Jodi (Brian) Puent, Jerry (Angie) Pritzl, Adam (Patti) Kniskern, Alexis Jensen, Haylee (Scott) Kniskern, (2)step grandchildren; Callie (Steve) Moreau and Jenna (Chris) Voigt, (21)great-grandchildren, (4)step great-grandchildren, (1)sister; Marilyn (Chuck) Gustafson of Park Falls, and by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jon Pritzl, grandson Jonathan Pritzl, infant granddaughter Jonelle Joy, step-father Charlie Bruch, (2)brothers; Arthur and Donald Pritzl, (2)sisters, Eleanor Wauro and Agnes Stasiak.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday November 30, 2022 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara and Deacon Bob Schienebeck will co-officiate.

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

Interment will take place at a later date.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.  
[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James J. Pritzl*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of my Stepbrother, Jim. Please accept our condolences and he'll be remembered fondly.  
Sincerely,  
Tony and Shirley Logan*

**Shirley Logan** - December 02, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *When Don passed and Shirley needed advice, Uncle Jim was right there, giving sound advice and full support, without hesitation. What I most admired about him was his dedication to family and those around him. I remember, when he had the beverage company, having to leave to "run out a keg" to a customer who had called and needed him. His laugh was infectious, and no family outing at the lake was complete without hearing him laugh, and laugh often. In honor of my Mom's passing, he and Coreen danced a polka in her honor. The world is truly a darker place for having lost such an amazing person. Our prayers go out to Uncle Jim and his entire family. Carole and Russell Ciokiewicz*

**Russell Ciokiewicz** - November 30, 2022 at 11:06 AM

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“ *TSE Group at Medtronic purchased the Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket for the family of James J. Pritzl.*



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**TSE Group at Medtronic** - November 28, 2022 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Sandra Pond sent a virtual gift in memory of James J. Pritzl*



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**Sandra Pond** - November 26, 2022 at 08:37 AM

CT

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. I only knew Jim through being a customer of Pritzl Beverages but he was always very pleasant and thoughtful. I know he will be deeply missed! My sympathy's to the family. Carol Thuot*

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**Carol Thuot** - November 26, 2022 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Although I only knew Jim from him being a patient in the ER, I could tell he was a very special and such a kind person. It was an honor to take care of him. My sincere condolences.*

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**Patti Tyrrell** - November 26, 2022 at 12:02 AM

KS

“ *He was such a wonderful and happy person. He loved my home made baked beans! And I loved being able to bring him some even after we moved from the area! He will be missed so much.*

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**Kathleen Schneider** - November 25, 2022 at 08:55 PM