



James Louis Arndt

July 1, 1951 - May 2, 2025

James Louis Arndt, age 73, died May 2, 2025 in Bloomington, MN. Born 1951 in Milwaukee, WI. Survived by wife, Susan; daughter, Devrah and son, Michael. Obtained his PHD in Soil Science.

Funeral service 11 AM, Saturday, May 31st with visitation from 10 -11 AM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN. Lunch to follow.

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Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michaels Lutheran
9201 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

Memorial Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HF

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Heidi Ferguson (Moederndorfer)
(I reposted this because I had written it after reading comment from Jim's brother in law memorial.)

Heidi Ferguson - February 26 at 06:37 PM

DM

“ I knew Jim for over thirty years. We spent dozens, maybe a hundred, evenings sitting in his hot tub all year round...sharing a beer, listening to his eclectic music collection and solving every problem we could come up with. He was one of the most intellectually wide ranging people I have ever met....always a wonderful conversation with Jim. The last two years he showed strength and an attitude I've never encountered before. He was truly a kind and good man. I will dearly miss him.
Dick McGuire

dick mcguire - May 30, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DB

“ In 1998 Jim helped launch my professional career as a soil scientist, not only by hiring me at Peterson Environmental Consulting, but also by sharing how he used new technology to answer questions about water in the soil. He was one of my early career references and supported me even after I left Peterson. Later, he helped raise the standards of education provided by the Minnesota Association of Professional Soil Scientists, standards that we continue to meet today. I stopped being surprised by the number of soil scientists whose careers were enhanced by Jim. He helped both colleagues and competitors. Jim's legacy in our profession will live on for decades.

David Bauer - May 30, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JB

“ As Jim’s long time brother-in-law, when I think of Jim I think of an incredibly accomplished man. A PHD in soil sciences was just the start. Jim had an amazingly high degree of education, experience and expertise in his field such that he was considered and respected as one of the best environmental consultants in the country. Rarified air.

Jim loved and was passionate about his work. He loved to talk about it so much that sometimes you would get dizzy listening to him after a while.

Jim was a very kind man to everyone. And he was so well liked by so many people. He had exceptional integrity. He had no ego. He found great pleasure in nature, animals, simply being outside, riding his bike or just having a great conversation with someone. He loved canoeing, hiking, the beauty of a lake or enjoying a classic old movie. And he was a fantastic photographer, one of his loved hobbies.

But most of all Jim loved his family. Devoted, loving husband to Sue and proud father to Dev and Mike. In the last days of his life Jim said nothing was more satisfying to him than seeing his kids grow into the wonderful, accomplished people that they are.

Jim was simply a very special great man.

Jim Borris - May 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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Heidi Ferguson - February 26 at 05:11 PM

LA

“ Jim and I are 1st cousins, growing up together in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. We were best friends, from grade school thru high school. We reconnected about 10 years ago. We’d talk on the phone for hours, about family, adventures we’re having and sharing memories. I’ll miss this a lot. Jim was a great man.

LarryArndt - May 25, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Louis Arndt.

May 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Louis Arndt.



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MG

“ I think it was 1995 when Jim was hired on at Peterson Environmental Consulting. Its not an exaggeration to say he changed and raised the standards of wetland science in the Twin Cities region. A brilliant mind that was always seeking the answers in nature and finding new and innovative ways to get at those answers. Thank you, Jim, for teaching and elevating all of us who benefitted from knowing you professionally and personally.

Mike Graham - May 06, 2025 at 09:59 AM