



## James Grant Eby

June 25, 1953 - June 6, 2023

James Grant Eby, age 69 of Coon Rapids, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anson and Dolores Eby; and brother-in-law, Robert Dierkhising. Jim will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 17 years, Barb Eby; sons, Troy (Kim) and Jason (Liz); grandchildren, Tyler, Madison, Michaela, Jack, and Lindsay; siblings, Sharon Kleven, Jan Dierkhising, Pat (Wally) Lipa, and Tom (Terese) Eby; nieces, nephews, many other loving family and friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 11 AM with visitation starting at 10 AM at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 525 Jackson St., Anoka. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)  
525 Jackson Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)  
525 Jackson Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Grant Eby.* ”



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June 11, 2023 at 09:00 AM

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“ I have no words to bring comfort to Barb and Jim’s family. I am just lost for a comforting comment. I spent my life growing up this this wonderful guy , We started our adventures in the 60s , with first cars first girl friends first all night parties so many firsts to list He left the area for a bit and moved up to Alexandria MN. And me and the boys would load up in my car and run up to see him every now and again. ( never lost touch) Then one day I get a call and he tells me he is going to get married and wants me to be in his wedding ,so in the wedding I was , not long afterward there was the arrival of his first born son (Troy) wow , and shortly there after was the Jason ,his life was on a fast track  
( and Ricky is just twiddling his thumbs) So the next grand adventure was that he asked me to be the God Father of his son, wow I was so honored to be asked , and of course I accepted. The next big move for Ricky was to get married as well , and of course I asked Jim to be in my wedding. So shortly there after he and his family move back to the metro ( yeah , Ricky gets his buddy back full time ) So many memories from that time , several different moves to different houses , he was a moving target . Fast forward , Jim and his then wife Lynn parted ways. A while later he discovered a sweet little gal who we shall call Barb ( It’s her real name) They hit it of pretty much from the start and shortly there after, I get a call ,I am getting married and I want you in the wedding,( wow again) of course i will be there for you and Barb. And so it began , new wife , new life and I was back in their world as they moved through life. We all had many good times over the years. I was going to be presenting my wife of 35 years a special present for our anniversary, and I wanted Jim and Barb to be there when I gave it to her ( and of course they were there ) it was a beautiful night ,we were outside have a few drinks. There was a Red 1979 Corvette parked on the sidewalk about 10 feet from our table ( My wife had always wanted a Red Corvette) my wife had no idea it was to become her car that night.  
Barb and Jim kept insisting she should go get in that car and look it over set in it see how it feels and of course she said NO it’s not mine and I don’t know who owns it ,WELL we all spring it on her that

*was hers to drive home Happy Anniversary, she was floored. Point to be made , Jim has been part of my life since I was 14 , and now he is gone and my heart aches and I am no longer going to see his smiling face nor hear his voice. The entire Eby family have been part of my life and now one is missing and my heart is heavy with sorrow*

*God speed my dear friend until we meet again*

*And dear Barb I pray that the love of God will help you overcome you broken heart and always remember you are loved by so many family and friends*

*God Bless you today and always. With love. Ricky*

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**Ricky Englund** - June 09, 2023 at 11:20 PM

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“ Kelly M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Grant Eby.

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**Kelly M.** - June 09, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Grant Eby.



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June 08, 2023 at 11:11 AM