



## Mr. James Hayes Grossman

May 29, 1955 - October 20, 2018

Grossman, James H. "Jim" Age 63 of Eden Prairie, MN. Preceded in death by father Jim. Survived by wife of 32 years Jody; daughter Erin (Andy) Feller; son Tom; mother Mary; five brothers and one sister; several nieces and nephews. Memorial service Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM with visitation one hour prior to all at: Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Rd. (1 blk. N. of Hwy 5)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
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Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Jim - the news of your passing brought tears to my eyes. Tears of grief with sorrow and tears of joy to have had you in my life as a childhood friend. Jim was one of the fastest runners ever in grade school. Yes, he was always lean and athletic. One summer we both competed on the high diving board and he thrilled the onlookers performing a triple 3 1/2 somersault with a full twist. When we graduated from high school - the two of us drove to in his 2 door sport coupe to scuba-dive in the Gulf of Mexico. We both received our social security numbers at a young age - and Jim always reminded me that our numbers are almost the same - within a digit.

He loved basketball, playing cards, running. and liked girls...but was extremely shy. We spent many summer nights in a pup tent talking, laughing and dreaming about the future.

Once we were all packed in Mr. Grossman's car - filled with kids driving on Broadway...and Jim's dad told us all to look at all the birds up in the sky near St. Mary's Cathedral. When we did he slightly rear-ended the car in front of us - we all exploded with laughter.

We did spring getaways to Minnesota and to lake cabins and participated in polar swims while ice was still on the lake. We loved making popcorn the old fashion way.

I have many other fond memories of Jim....many private stories just between the two of us. Mr. & Mrs Grossman were like second parents - and it was a privilege to be a guest in their home during our youth....and to be Jimmy's friend.

Tom Dunn Jr.

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Thomas English Dunn Jr. - November 06, 2018 at 03:01 PM

CF

*I am one of Jim's oldest friends. He was "elected" to be my guide when I attended St. Mary's in 7th grade. He was immediately nice and thoughtful, and we easily became friends. As Jim and I were as swift runners on the playground, we were always selected for opposing teams, otherwise there would have been no contest. We decided to go to college together, and our many trips in the Capri were spent hitting McDonalds on our way to/from school in Florida. I too am a member of the one off Social Security number, and Tom Dunn, Jim, and I never thought at that time the significance of applying at the same time. When I first heard of Jim's passing, I couldn't believe it! Given Jim's sense of humor, a chuckle has to be in there somewhere. Such was his bent towards fatalistic events. I will surely miss him, and the history we shared. Chris Fajer*

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**Chris Fajer** - March 13, 2019 at 11:46 AM

DB

“ *Well Jim; today is your day. All of our friendships seem to have hinged on our differences and that's what makes us as a nation great. You, me and all of our friends at Budget enjoyed our yakking, glaring at and arguing together; we are all truly different but you were our closet liberal; we were the right wing folks that just loved to push your buttons. Jeez, you gave it back with intelligence, knowledge and true wit, you always stood your ground with authority. You will be missed my friend; Rest In Peace Always. I will forever be your friend.*

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**Don Burchette** - October 28, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Hayes Grossman.*



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October 27, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Hayes Grossman.*



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October 26, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *I also worked with Jim at the Budget Trucks Retirement Haven. He was a good, good man and a good friend as well. We had such epic political discussions! We were both very opinionated.... but we had much more important things that we agreed upon than disagreed. May he Rest in Peace, and may your family find peace as well.*

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**Gerry Santomassimo** - October 24, 2018 at 06:25 PM

JP

“ I met Jim in December of 2015 while we worked together redistributing box trucks around the state of Arizona. You get to know someone pretty well when you spend a lot of time together in the cab of a truck. Jim had a very quick wit and always brought a smile to the face of the "hikers" when we had time together.

I worked with Jim for only 6 months but I really appreciated the passion he had for life, his family and all the various topics that we discussed. Jim and I disagreed on a lot of topics, but it was really great to be able to have great discussions about some of the topics where we differed, but then to laugh and talk in depth on the items where we agreed. It not often that you meet someone that you can talk open and honestly with about so many things and remain friend at the end of the day.

Jody I'm sorry for your loss and my heartfelt sympathy goes to you, your children and the rest of your family.

Jim will truly be missed.

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**Jim Parker** - October 24, 2018 at 05:31 PM

JR

“ Jim was a friend for more than 50 years. When we visited a few weeks ago, we covered some of that ground, especially family stuff, memories of growing up, but also the current "state of the union" too. He was, as always, funny, authentic, resilient, warm and friendly. Jody, Erin, Tom, and all Jim's family and especially his mom, I am so sorry for your loss. I am also so grateful for a wonderful friend all these many years. We will miss you, Jim.

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**Jerry Ruff** - October 24, 2018 at 04:55 AM



“ *The Hikers.... purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. James Hayes Grossman.*



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**The Hikers....** - October 23, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Hayes Grossman.*



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October 23, 2018 at 01:37 PM