



James Robert Kreutter

Kreutter, Jim

We lost an avid fisherman, storyteller, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Jim, of Wayzata Minnesota, grew up in Robbinsdale. He was a lifelong Minnesotan and a devout Catholic. He loved nature and adventure. Many of his adventures were water-related, including canoeing in remote parts of Canada, shooting rapids, and boat racing. His first boat was a skim wave runner that he built himself when he was 14. Jim enjoyed getting away to his rustic cabin on Lake Washburn. He always had a story or joke to share and nothing was more important to him than good friends, family, and of course, fishing. He had many friends: from his fellow boaters, fishing buddies, St. Austin Elementary, and DeLaSalle classmates, and many others. Jim was a proud member of Sheet Metal Local 10. He was a sheet metal instructor at Dunwoody College and Hennepin Technical College and retired from Master Mechanical where he was a shop foreman. After retirement, he enjoyed volunteering in the community and traveling across the country visiting our national parks. He is survived by his wife Jean, children Tony, Molly and Michael, grandchildren Andy & Jimmy, sister Diane, sister-in-law Katy, niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Catherine and brother Dick. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to De La Salle High School, Catholic Charities Twin Cities or charity of your choice. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, May 19, with visitation at 10am, and mass

beginning at 11am followed by a luncheon at Mary's of the Lake, 105
Forestview Lane North, Plymouth, MN. Private interment.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
105 Forestview Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

Church Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ -Sharful and Maggie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Robert Kreutter.



-Sharful and Maggie - May 18, 2023 at 11:42 PM

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“ -Sharful and Maggie purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of James Robert Kreutter.

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DB

“ I have so many wonderful memories growing up with Jim as my brother-in-law we became very good friends and at 13 he hired me to help work on the 5 plex apartment building that he bought that was next door to where I grew up. Jim paid me \$1.00 an hour I know that doesn't sound like much but at age 13 I was making good money and he was teaching me many things about building upkeep. When not working we go for rides on his motorcycle and of course rides in the metal flake green Checkmate boat he had the coolest boat on the water. I will miss Jim very much and am sorry I will not be able to make the services, but I will be there in heart. Don Badger

Don Badger - May 18, 2023 at 09:09 PM

DA

“ I have too many wonderful memories of my big brother Jim to share here---
but I will share the things about him that I treasured, and that made those
memories so special: how he loved to laugh and make everyone around
him laugh.....how kind & caring & loyal he was to all those he cared about.....
how much he appreciated being in and exploring naturehow curious and
interested he was in so many things.....how much he enjoyed telling his very
colorful, adventurous stories.....how deeply courageous he was in facing so many challenges in his life with strength and grace.....and just what a truly dear human being he was. I'm so very grateful that he was in my life
as my brother.
Diane (aka Speb--his nickname for me)

Diane Andrews - May 13, 2023 at 07:50 PM

SS

Diane, well said! You influenced Jim to be proactive in his self-care & healing after each health challenge. You supported him to take charge of his health! Jim was truly one of a kind! A great guy! Everyone wanted to be around him. "I don't like all these electronics.... I'm a man of the 90's.... 1890's!" 😊😊

I have a video of him telling another funny story & everyone roaring with laughter! 😊 Sue Schmid. Tony is my late husband, one of Jim's fishing buddies, so we go back to 1971, that's 52 years of history! Jim stepped in as Ben Schmid's surrogate father/ fishing-buddy/confidante after Tony passed in 2006. Jim holds a special place in the hearts of all of our family! 🙏😊❤️ & we already feel the hole in our 💜 hearts missing him. Xoxo

"Ben, you need a motto for your Lawn Care business. How about:
"Your lawn look like shid? Call Ben Schmid!" 🤔😊🌹

SUSAN Jean SCHMID - May 15, 2023 at 09:11 PM

DH

“ Dearest Jean, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort and support from your family, friends and faith. With Sympathy and Support, Diane Hallberg

Diane Hallberg - May 09, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Robert Kreutter.



May 06, 2023 at 12:54 PM

SD

“ Over 40 years of fishing together in the same boat. Great memories except for 2 occasions. First, getting turned around on Lake of the woods, with two young kids left on the island where we were camping. Made it back around midnight. The second was hitting a submerged rock and being thrown from the boat on the English River in Canada. A scary moment but we made it.

So many great times!!!

Aside from fishing, my most recent memory was a beautiful fall Saturday. Jean, Kreut, Pat and I completed one of our many 3 hour breakfast. With Jean driving and Kreut as tour guide, Pat and I sat in the back seat as we drove completely around Lake Minnetonka looking at the fall colors. Jean and Kreut gave us the history of each bay, including the people and businesses. Will never forget that day. We will miss Jim but have great memories to remember him.

One last thought. On our last fishing trip to Red Lake, Jim said the following- "I've had a great life. I have God, a loving family, and a lot of great friends."

Stephen m daly - May 06, 2023 at 12:47 PM

ST

“ Dear Jean, Tony, Molly, Michael, Andy, Jimmy and Extended Family,

The good Lord broke the mold when Jim was made! A character like no other (well, then there was his brother. Keep reading). It was Jim, "THE CHARACTER" that put me through my first rite of passage (I believe I referred to it then, using some other less tasteful terminology - if you know what I mean!) that enabled me to find his beautiful niece, Kelly, the Love of My Life, and that threw me into my second rite of passage to her, with his brother Dick and family (there's got to be a "CHARACTER" gene they share in there somewhere!) and "WELCOME" into the Kreutter family, some thirty years ago. For those rites, which I liken more to frat house hazing rituals, I really am eternally grateful to him – without Jim, there would be no “us”.

In sincerity, Jim was no doubt built with fine character, uniquely exceptional in strength, pride (especially in family), generosity, and wit. He was a caring and loving friend, and if I may say, an uncle, and was always there for Kelly and I with support through her health difficulties. I will miss talking fishin' with him and his camaraderie at family gatherings, where he always made me feel welcome and a part. I will miss him.

With heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

With Love,

Steve

Steve - May 05, 2023 at 03:50 PM

PP

“ Peter, Vicki, and Jennifer Perri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Robert Kreutter.



Peter, Vicki, and Jennifer Perri - May 05, 2023 at 10:52 AM

LD

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Linda Davis

Linda Davis - May 04, 2023 at 07:49 PM

LK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jean my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Liza Kisch

Liza Kisch - May 04, 2023 at 08:25 AM