



## James Ralph Marino

July 23, 2020

James R. Marino "Jimmy" age 84, passed away peacefully at home on July 23rd, 2020. Jimmy grew up in NE Minneapolis and graduated from Vocational High School in 1953. He served in the Army for two years. Jimmy had partaken in many business ventures and social groups throughout his life including owning the Shell station on Central, sales for trading stamps and vending machines, worked in liquor sales at Ed Phillips and Sons for 17 years then Johnson Brothers for 27, founding partner of Marino's Restaurant in 1969 with his brother Louie to fulfill their mother Nana's dream. At his passing he was the longest member of the Minneapolis Italian American Club and was recognized as an active participant with the Lions Club for 50 consecutive years. He was well-loved in the Italian and Lebanese community. If you knew Jimmy you loved him, he made it a point to get to know people everywhere he went. Preceded in death by wife, Margaret "Maggie", grandson; Jonathan, parents; Ralph and Mary "Nana", sisters; Sr. Laura F.S.P.A., Vicki (Ed) Matthes, brother; Louie. Survived by wife; Robbie Keller, daughter; Lisa Halverson, grandson; Rory Marino, step-daughter; Lisa (Greg) Peterson, "bonus" grandchildren; Kyle, Kendra, Katie, Brandon, sister; Jane (Bud), sisters-in-law; Marie, Jeanne (Mike), Mimi, brothers-in-law; Jim (Pat), Lee (Sue), Joel (Betty) and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Thank you for all the support and prayers that carried us through his final weeks following his recent diagnosis of brain cancer. Private Mass of Christian Burial to be held with inurnment at Hillside Cemetery. Service available via live

stream 11 AM Wednesday July, 29th at <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/James-Marino-2/#!/PhotosVideos> . Memorials preferred to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Service

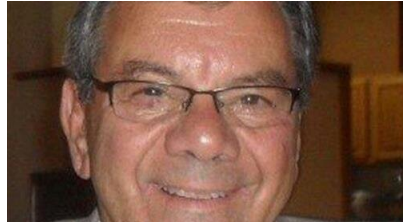
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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Mass of Christian Burial for James R. Marino in memory of James Ralph Marino



Washburn-McReavy - July 28, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ RIP Jimmy!! Knew Jimmy and the whole Marino family my whole life. When my brother and i where little Jimmy would take us to the airport and watch planes come in. He also brought us to the Twins game at the old Met Stadium. I also got to go with him in the old Shell truck to pick up supplies in St.Paul at the Shell warehouse. He was special man to me and my family. God Bless Jimmy!

Lenny Gagnon - July 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Jimmy was the first person I connected with while working at Johnson Brothers. He would go out of his way to reach out and connect with others. He made me laugh each time I interacted with him and I am so grateful to him for making me feel comfortable as I settled in to my new work home.  
I send love and strength to his family. He will be missed but remembered often.

Erica Scanlon - July 29, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ I’ve been a Member of the Italian-American Club & Foundation for over 40 years. During that time I’ve know and become good friends with Jim Marino. Jim was always a soft spoken and very helpful Member and always willing to give a hand and help. In all of those years Jim never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was loved and will truly be missed by many in the Northeast Community.  
Ron Lawrence

Ron Lawrence - July 28, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Ralph Marino.



July 27, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ralph Marino.



July 27, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Ralph Marino.



July 26, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JJ

“ Sorry to learn of the loss of Jimmy. He always stopped by our Joseph’s breakfast table in Friday mornings. He knew the name of everyone at the table and would ask about those that were missing. The St Paul Scottish Rite brothers extend our condolences to Robbie and the rest of his family. We miss Jimmy 😞

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**Jerry Johnson** - July 26, 2020 at 01:28 PM

JJ

“ It's always a sad day when we lose a friend and the good Lord calls them home. Though I'd lost touch with Jim in recent years, I've many fond memories of him and the Marino family from the early times back in the 50s and 60s. RIP my friend, you will be missed.  
Jim Junkert

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**Jim Junkert** - July 26, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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“ I am sad to see everybody's friend, Jimmy, has left us. He is the light of NE and will be missed by all. I always loved his kindness and sunshine.

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**Teri Spano-Madden** - July 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM

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“ Jimmy was one of the nicest person I ever knew. An “old fashion” sales person and manager. The consummate relationship builder. If you trained with Jim, which I have, you can only call on 4 customers a day because of the service and relationship building he did every day. He truly cared about people. Jimmy helped me personally, always asking if there was anything I needed or was there anything he could do. Being Italian myself, I admired his love for The Italian Community in NE Minneapolis. Everyone has some tragic events during their life. But Jim is kind but tough and had that ability to forge ahead and problems seemed invisible. RIP my friend. You will be remembered as one of the greatest people ever. Love ya Jim!

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**Michael Norman** - July 25, 2020 at 10:08 AM