



James Meger

August 28, 2011

Meger, James A. age 69, of Edina. Noted wildlife artist and combat officer in Vietnam, passed away Aug. 25, 2011. Survived by wife, Laurene; and daughter, Elise. Memorials preferred to N.C. Little Hospice, CaringBridge or charity of donor's choice. Private interment. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

SH

“ He was my 5th&6th grade art teacher we had the honor of watching him paint his duck stamp “Canvasbacks”! He inspires me still!!! He believed in me when others did not!!!!

student of his - September 09, 2025 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jim was a great man and an incredible talent I will always remember him in my heart and his prints will always remain on my wall.

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Dawn Buckholtz,

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dawn Buckholtz - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My name is JoAnn Hansen from Casey Iowa and would talk to your husband about once a year. I just found out when I called his cell phone number to ask about ordering a print from him again this year, and found out it was no longer his number and checked further. I enjoyed our talks on the phone.

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JoAnn Hansen,

Casey, Iowa

JoAnn Hansen - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Our deepest sympathy to Laurene and Elise. Jim was an awesome artist and person. The world of art has lost a great artist. Jim's hometown, Minneota also has lost a great friend and son. We have numerous prints of his and will always treasure them and we are formerly from Minneota. Again, our deepest sympathy to Lauren and Elise.

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Dianna & Steven Nelson,

Sauk Centre, Minnesota

Dianna & Steven Nelson - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *My prayers and condolences to you and your family. James was a wonderfully generous man and will be sadly missed by our company. He created such beautiful prints for xpedx and his stories will be missed. Thanks, Elaine*

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Elaine Stulc,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Elaine Stulc - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Laurene and Elise, So sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was a favorite patient of mine at the dental office. What a unique guy. I always felt blessed to have his paintings in the office. The one in my room was an original of the loons up north. One day when I was cleaning his teeth he commented, "oh, that's where that went to!" He had forgotten where it was...lucky for me I got to enjoy it for several years. We are all lucky to have his beautiful work even though he is gone, he is still with us! Sincerely, Bette Jo

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Bette Jo Arnett,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Bette Jo Arnett - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Dear Laurene, As my neighbor and yoga class girlfriend, I enjoyed hearing you share stories of your family life - dogs, home renovation, husband and daughter, and busted toes. It is clear how much you love your family and we share in your mourning your loss. An artist leaves a special legacy to everyone and I am saddened his life and talent were shortened by illness.*

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Kathy Clifford,

Edina, Minnesota

Kathy Clifford - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We had the opportunity to meet your husband/dad last summer at the South Dakota state fair. He was a wonderful person that took so much time to visit with us. We loved his paintings. We were able to purchase "Pumpkin Patch" from him. We love the painting. My Dad had done that one as a puzzle a couple times and we had fallen in love with it prior. Our hearts were so saddened when we realized he would not be at the fair to visit with again this year. Our sympathy is truly extended. Linda and Wayne of Armour, SD

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My deepest sympathy to you Laurene, Elise and all my special cousins especially Gene, Maryann, and Patrick. It has been wonderful to know the artist so well - he was generous, very talented and in touch with nature and humanity. I am very sad. Everyone who passes is a child of God, but some are giants among us. James along with your entire family are in that category. How could we have been so fortunate to be part of this family? May you find peace in knowing that we share your tender tears, moments of laughter in happy memories, and a wonderful legacy.

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LaVonne Wyffels-Lutz,

Marchall, Minnesota

LaVonne Wyffels-Lutz - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *When I was in the moving business - we moved Jim's home/studio in Edina - After the move he gave me a painting which I have enjoyed ever since - it is framed and hanging in our home - everyone that comes to our home has a chance to view it as it hangs in our entry way - and we talk about Jim and the pleasure his work gives to everyone. Stan SchaeferBurnsville MN*

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Dear family members of Jim's, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My dad 'Richard Novotny' began painting in the mid-late 1960s and consulted Jim on several occasions and had great respect for him and his work. When Jim visited an art gallery in Winona in the late 1980s, I met with him and purchased a print, he cheerfully crafted a special signature on our print. I remember his family well from my Minneota days. Keep the fun times / memories you had with him close to your hearts. Carry on with your lives knowing that you are all people of high integrity in which he is very proud of. My condolences and best wishes to you all. Greg Novotny - Winona, MN

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Greg Novotny,

Winona, Minnesota

Contact Me

Greg Novotny - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*Dear Laurene and Elise, We were saddened to learn of the death of Jim. He has been a big part of our family for many years. He was our son's art teacher at Sunnyside and went the extra mile to teach Brad additional mediums in painting, but also started him on his road to wood carving ducks. Jim saw raw talent and helped to develop it, and it has enriched Brad's life. So many of Jim's painting hang in both of our homes. He was such a gifted and thoughtful man. Our prayers of comfort are with both of you. Blessings, Roger and Jean Schwartz*

September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Hi Laurene and Elise, With tears, I'm so sorry about Jim and your dad. I know my mom and dad would have cried.

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Sharon Rappe,

Spring Park, Minnesota

Sharon Rappe - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Your husband/dad was my art teacher at Sunnyside. I have many wonderful memories about what he taught me in art as well as life. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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Melissa Perry,

Farmington, Minnesota

Melissa Perry - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ *Dear Laurene, Elise and Family, It was our privilege to provide care for your beloved husband and father. We share in your grief and send you our love. Your Friends at Little Hospice*

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NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc.,

www.littlehospice.org, Minnesota

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc. - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laurene and Elise-You have our very deepest symapthy. James was a very special person that we came to know very well through the Pheasants Forever organization. He will be so greatly missed but we have many memories that we will cherish for years to come. We feel so fortunate to have become acquainted with him through the years. We will so miss seeing him and all the fantastic prints at the PF events. Words cannot express how much he will be missed but we are very sure that he is in God's care and can rest in peace. May you and your daughter find peace in your faith with God and we are keeping you in our prayers every day. God's Blessings, Doug and Deb Breinig Cambridge, Ne*

August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Sorry to hear this sad news. I am writing this note to let you know how impressed my parents (Fred and Arlene Zieske) were with Jim. If I have the sorry correct, Jim was cousins with Mary Wyfels and she and my mother were close freinds...perhaps even played together when they were younger? Last year our relation lost a little baby girl after a long struggle to a rare genetic disorder and Jim graciously helped with a donation for her family's benefit (Madison VanLeeuwe) I know my father really enjoyed visiting with Jim this spring and discussing the animals and detail in his artwork. They also purchased and I think had discussed more. (My father is originally from way up in the "boonies" of MN so he has a true appreciation of nature.) Neither of my parents know how to use a computer so I wanted to share for them their deepest condolences. As mentioned before, they were truly impressed by Jim and his artwork. It takes a special person to see all the beauty in the world that surrounds us. His memory will always be a treasure to them. Your family has our deepest sypathies. Julie (Fred and Arlene Zieske, Watertown, MN)

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Julie Ostendorf,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Julie Ostendorf - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Dear Mrs. Meger and Elise, Your are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. We were so shocked and saddened to read of Jim's passing in the paper. We have several of his paintings in our home which he personally signed for us at Hutch & Mantle. He was so down to earth and easy to talk with. A really nice man! He shared some stories about his paintings which we found extremely interesting and made us love our paintings even more. We also discovered our daughters graduated from Edina H.S. together. May God's everlasting love comfort you both and may your faith in God reassure you that Jim has safely made it home.

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Phil & Dodie Johnson,

Edina, Minnesota

Phil & Dodie Johnson - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Laurene, my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.*

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Joanne Varner,

Edina, Minnesota

Joanne Varner - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laurene & Elise-willkeep you in our prayers. Hard for me to believe he is actualy gone from this earth, I know he will be watching over the two of you.Just remember every moment is as it should be!!!!LOVE & PRAYERS TIM K.*

August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lauren and Elise , our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss the conversations we would have about his pictures. Jim , Tim and I always talked about getting together and going fishing but we just never took the time . I will tell myself to do those things today instead of waiting until tomorrow because you may never get the chance . God Bless You and your family , The world will miss Mr. James A. MegerThe Alberico'sMike , Jodi , Shalbey and Jacob Omaha ,Nebraska*

August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ We attended Pheasant Fest last January for the first time and we were so blessed to spend time with your husband & father. We enjoyed every moment as he signed "The Icing on the Cake" for the Heritage Chapter. Thanks for sharing him with all of us! Here's the picture we treasure. God Bless your family.

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Lenni Johnson,

Hemingford, Nebraska

Contact Me

Lenni Johnson - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *May he rest in peace and may God comfort you, Laurene and Elise.
Bill O'Donnell, omi*

August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs Meger & Elise - Our deepest sympathy to both of you. We have many of Jim's prints & met him several times. We love all of his wildlife prints & have quite a few hanging in our home. He will surely be missed by all of us. May God comfort you in your sorrow. Don & Louise Wickoren, Moorhead, MN*

August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So saddened to hear about Jim's Death. Was not aware he was so bad. Just heard about him at Lorraine Caron's funeral from Yvonne. So glad we had a chance to visit a little at Tillie's 100th. Glad we bought the Chickadee print. Will cherish it forever. Also had a chance to see and visit with Jim when he had a couple of shows in Litchfield a few years ago. Our Sympathy to you both.

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Roger & Barb Caron,

Litchfield, Minnesota

Roger & Barb Caron - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I remember the little "pest" when we were at grandma's house, we couldn't get away from him. Was so happy that he grew into such a kind, talented soul. Love and prayers to Laurene and Elise.

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Kathy Dahlquist,

Laguna Beach, California

Kathy Dahlquist - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We are saddened for your loss. It was a James Meger print I presented to my husband that inspired my husband's love of wolves. We feel lucky to have met Jim. He was friendly man, and graciously signed our print. Peace be with you and your family at this time.

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Dave-June Grimm,

Glencoe, Minnesota

Dave-June Grimm - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Jim, I am so sorry you have died. You are so talented and have touched so many people. When I read these things about you, my heart hurts. May you rest in peace, my friend.*

~

Bill Draves,

Goodyear, Arizona

Bill Draves - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful legacy you have left for the world to enjoy..I keep with me the wonderful memories Dean and I enjoyed from your beautiful paintings of our St. Paul Pass..God Bless and love to your family Jeanne Randazzo Naples FL*

Contact Me

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“ *I am so sorry Laurene and Elise for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you. We knew it was coming, just not this soon. Jim is free now. God Bless him. With Love, Trish Lane*

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