



James Edward Peltier

October 21, 1945 - June 26, 2025

James "Jim" Peltier, 79, of Roseville, Minnesota, formerly from NE Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 26, 2025, with family by his side.

Preceded in death by parents Dolph and Helen Peltier.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Dee (Ostertag) Peltier; his treasured daughters, Sally (Brady) Laing and Sarah (Brian) Cote, and his cherished grandchildren, Ava, Connor, Austin, and Caden. Sisters Jeanne Peltier and Marge (Terry) Whitehill, and many nieces and nephews.

Jim spent most of his career in the grocery business, where he was known for his steady work ethic, friendly nature, and deep commitment to the people around him.

Beyond his professional life, Jim generously gave his time as a volunteer at the historic Cafesjian's Carousel - fondly known as the "Merry-Go-Round" - at Como Park. He also played a key role at the Minnesota State Fair, where he worked for many years running The Original Beer Garden and helping operate the same carousel he loved so much. He was a Navy Veteran, an avid golfer, woodworking enthusiast, fisherman, and enjoyed volunteering at Kids in Need.

He will be remembered for his warm heart, quiet strength, and the joy he brought to family, friends, and fairgoers alike.

He was a man of integrity, generosity, and love, and he left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

We find comfort in knowing that his legacy lives on through the lessons he taught us, the love he shared, and the memories we will cherish forever.

Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, July 29 at 11 am at St Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 Victoria St N Shoreview MN 55126, with Visitation prior, beginning at 9:30 am, luncheon to follow. Private burial at a later date.

For those that wish to celebrate the life of James, but cannot attend in person, you can tune into the livestream: https://youtube.com/live/H3-K_CodHf8?feature=share [youtube.com]

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Jim, the quiet unassuming guy who volunteered hours and hours never expecting a word of praise, a man who loved his family so deeply and one we were honored to call our dear friend.....rest Mr. Peltier!💜

jan & gene ostertag - July 26, 2025 at 06:21 PM

KL

“ Kathleen L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Edward Peltier.



Kathleen L. - July 13, 2025 at 03:52 PM

FC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Fred Baisch. Cafesjian's Carousel - July 13, 2025 at 11:48 AM

FC

2023 Christmas in July at Cafesjian's Carousel with Santa Fred. I will miss the Joy he brought to the Carousel.

Fred Baisch. Cafesjian's Carousel - July 13, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TW

“ To Dee & Girls,

We all know we lost one of the best! Jim was my cousin and I have so many great memories. My favorite, though, is the time he shocked our two daughters who were about 8 years old at the time. We were all at Aunt Genny's for a big family gathering and Jim grabbed a couple dog biscuits out of the container on the counter-- and ate them! To this day, our daughters call him the Dog Food Guy. He never ceased to be fun.

We are so lucky to have shared our lives with Jim. Sending you all strength at this time of loss.

Terry & Tom (Peltier) Watts

Therese Watts - July 09, 2025 at 06:49 PM

LJ

“ *Lois Johnson lit a candle in memory of James Edward Peltier*



Lois Johnson - July 06, 2025 at 12:54 PM

LJ

To the family of Jim, Wishing you comfort & peace as you remember him. I have known Jim for many years through his sister, Marge. My family & I rode the merry-go-round at the MN state fair for many years under his guidance. Marge & I would visit with him occasionally at a Cub store when out & about. I will treasure the time a couple of years ago at Culver's when all of a sudden someone appeared in a flash & sat down on my lap to surprise me! The two friends with me had a good laugh & wondered who is this guy? He was having lunch with sister, Jean. Rest in peace Jim & you will be greatly missed.

Lois Johnson - July 06, 2025 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ 6 files added to the album Memories



Stephanie Hunter - July 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DJ

“ *Jim was 14 years older than me, but he never treated me as a kid. He always invited me to go along on his activities, and gave me equal attention in the family. His smile said he was happy to see you more than words ever could.*

To me he was James Dean and Elvis all wrapped up in one. I have no idea if he could sing or act, but he always made it fun. I am warmed by his memories and saddened by the loss.

Dr. Johnson

Dr. Jeff Johnson - July 04, 2025 at 04:10 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Sarah Cote - July 04, 2025 at 12:49 PM

GB

*I will always remember him on the Merry go Round with that same smiling face
All of our lives were richer because he always shared his goodness with everyone he met
Thank you Jim for loving each of us
We all loved you as well and look to reconnecting on the other side of the rainbow.
You always gave us cousins so much joy.*

Cousin Glory

Gloria Browne - July 04, 2025 at 08:43 PM

TT

Jim was a very familiar face at Cafesjian's Carousel in Como Park as a dedicated volunteer. He worked a regular shift assisting on the ride and was quick to come in for another shift when a vacancy was suddenly created. Jim had experience on the carousel when it operated at the Minnesota State Fair as "The World's Largest Merry-Go-Round" -- a boast that wasn't quite true, but it IS one of the largest! Jim's comfort working with patrons of all ages was specially evident with youngsters, whom he treated like his own grandchildren.

Jim has many fellow volunteer friends at the carousel who have missed his presence this season and who now mourn his untimely passing. I am not only in that category, but I am also the president of the Board of Directors of Our Fair Carousel, the owner-operators of the ride, and want to convey the Board's sincere condolences to Jim's family. His presence and dedication the carousel will be long remembered.

Tracy M Tolzmann - July 05, 2025 at 03:38 PM