



## James D. Puzak

January 8, 2014

Puzak, James D. Our beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend has died of complications of Multiple Myeloma. Jim was born in Mpls to Al and Carrie on Aug. 21, 1955. He died on Jan. 8, 2014 after a 4-month battle with an aggressive cancer. Jim lived in St. Louis Park almost all of his life. He graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1973 and attended the U of M-Duluth. He worked at various jobs but spent the last 20 years working for Knollwood Liquor. He enjoyed the work and made lifelong friends. In fact, Jim had a special quality of making and keeping his friends. His last week in the hospital was a parade of friends and family who had known and loved Jim throughout his life. Jim was an active member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Golden Valley, serving as an usher during Sunday Mass. He was a long-time volunteer for the American Cancer Society. As a younger man he enjoyed skiing, snowmobiling, hunting and golf. More recently, he loved gardening and golfing. He was an avid Grateful Dead fan and he traveled to as many concerts as he could. Jim also took every opportunity to travel the world. He was preceded in death by his father, Alexander E. Puzak. He is survived by his mother, Caroline C. Puzak; sister, Carolyn (Bernard) Luken; brother, Dan (Colleen) Puzak; nephews, Matthew Luken, Michael Luken, Thomas Puzak and Joseph (Danielle) Puzak; several aunts and many cousins. His 3 grand-nieces & 1 grand-nephew were of special delight to him. The family wants to express their sincere appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff at Methodist Hospital. A special note to Fr. Fehn whose kind and

loving words eased our broken hearts. Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM Sat.,  
Jan. 11, 2014, with visitation one hour prior at Good Shepherd Catholic  
Church, 145 Jersey Ave S., Golden Valley. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery,  
Mpls. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. As a regular @ Knoolwood Liquor for nearly 40 years, we lived just up the alley to the north of the store. Always friendly. A good for a laugh. Or a quick Rock & Roll music convercation. Jim's smile will be missed by all the regulars & Knoolwood Liquor.

Go with God Jim. Hope your rocken' to the Greatfull Dead up there. That's where all the good bands are now.

God be with you.

BobRutt 50 year resident of St. Louis Park 1/2 block from where Jim worked.

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**Robert Rutt** - January 15, 2014 at 02:19 PM