



James L. Simonton

July 15, 1952 - December 17, 2021

James L. Simonton of Zimmerman, MN passed away on Friday morning, December 17th in his home at the age of 69.

James "Jim" was born in Eau Claire Wisconsin on July 15th of 1952. After Graduating High school at Arlington Heights he went on to work on a farm with family, where he helped raise and train horses. He then went on to graduate with a degree in Welding from WITC in New Richmond, WI. James passion for cars and racing lead him to many things, including his business Greek's Pro Shop, where he built racecars and so many meaningful relationships. He passed down his passion of racing, love of cars, and hard work to his children. He most cherished his time with family and friends.

James is survived by his children, Reed (Melissa) Simonton, Tracie Simonton, Cassandra (Michael) Giaffino, and Karissa Simonton; grandchildren, Liv and Forrest Simonton; sister's, Cathy (Ron) Carlson, Donna (Joe) Spielmann, Elise (John) Hyjek and other extended friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Georgia; grandparents, James and Paraskevi Pachio; aunts, Catherine Pachio and Christine Pachio.

The service will be held at Washburn -McReavy funeral chapel 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN. The visitation is at 10:00 AM and will be

followed by the service at 11:00 AM. James will be buried a Morningside Memorial Gardens in Coon Rapids, MN. All friends and family are welcome.

Cemetery Details

Morningside Memorial Gardens

11800 University Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Cassie and Karissa,
So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. The Greek has been woven into
our lives for years. From the years of central to as recently as a few
months ago. We will miss he smile, his wicked sense of humor and
his love of racing. It is now time for him to polish the wheels Cassie!
Thinking of you today!
Our condolences-
Tom and Tammy Warner and the girls*

Tammy Warner - December 23, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James L. Simonton.*



December 22, 2021 at 12:53 PM

LL

“ *Carla and I were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I met Jim in 1995
and I decided to have him build my 1963 Chevy II. He built what
turned out to be an award winning car wherever we went. We did
many car shows together which were some of the most fun times
ever. We sent our most sincere condolences out to his family and
he will always be in our hearts. Lyle and Carla*

Lyle Lindquist - December 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM

KB

“ Cassie and Karissa I loved the time I spent working with your dad in the garage on the race cars. He was such a character that we all will miss.

Keith Brown

Keith Brown - December 21, 2021 at 10:56 PM

JA

“ Cassie and Karissa and family - We are so sorry for your loss. Gone too soon. Sending our heartfelt sympathy to all of you as you remember and celebrate your Dad.

Jackie and Bill Eggers

Jackie - December 21, 2021 at 06:57 PM

JE

“ Jackie & Bill Eggers lit a candle in memory of James L. Simonton



Jackie & Bill Eggers - December 21, 2021 at 06:55 PM

JJ

“ so sorry for your loss will surely miss him spent alot of time in the garage lots of laughs good friend

jim johnson - December 21, 2021 at 05:39 PM

PL

“ *Boating in the big brown turd was the best.
Listening to 90s rap music and acting like we
were 20. Great times Greek! You'll truly be
missed!*



pam Lester - December 21, 2021 at 01:12 PM