



James B. Zellmer

August 8, 1935 - June 9, 2024

James B. "Jim" Zellmer of St. Anthony Village passed on to eternal life on June 9th surrounded by his loving family. Survived by his loving wife and best friend of almost 66 years, Ann Marie; son Timothy, Lisa Zellmer; daughter Janet (Steven) Lerch; grandchildren Timmy, Zoe, Erin and "Lastly" Christian; brother Tom (Jackie) Zellmer; sister Theresa (Dick) Clendenin and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was born on August 8, 1935, to Harry and Rose Zellmer in North Minneapolis. He liked to say that he was the 2nd son and 4th child born into a family of 8 children (4 boys and 4 girls). Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jack and Phil and sisters Betty, Pat and Marydell. Jim graduated De La Salle high school and from the University of Minnesota. He immediately went to work for the Minnesota Department of Corrections and remained at the DOC (38 years) until his retirement in October, 1997. He held many interesting positions retiring as the Institution Support Services Director and was responsible for the design and construction of the Correctional Facilities at Oak Park Heights, Shakopee and Rush City.

Jim served in the US Army on active duty from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed in Korea for 16 months. Jim met Ann Marie during their first week of college in 1953 and were married on June 21, 1958. Jim was always amazed that Ann Marie put up with him for all the years.

Jim enjoyed and loved his family and took great delight in spoiling his grandchildren, acting as their most loyal cheerleader. He was happiest when

his family was around for special or "everyday" events.

His parish church and school were very important to Jim. As long-time members (58 years) he was very involved and served as President of the school board, co-chaired several fund-raising efforts and was a member of the Parish Finance committee for over 25 years.

Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Tuesday, June 18th with ATRIUM visitation one hour prior at Church of St. Charles Borromeo, 2739 NE Stinson Pkwy, St. Anthony. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Jude Children's Hospital, or Totino Grace High School

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Charles Borromeo
2739 Stinson Boulevard NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of St. Charles Borromeo
2739 Stinson Boulevard NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

DE

“ To the Zellmer Family,
I just came across this about Jim's passing. I am saddened to find this, I worked with Jim extensively on the Oak Park Heights Correctional Facility where I was the Senior Project Manager with Knutson Construction. Jim was one of the most outstanding individuals I have had the pleasure of working with during my career. Jim was truly a great individual, he was not only a consummate professional he was really enjoyable to work with. He will be missed by those that were fortunate to have worked with him.
David Englund

David Englund - February 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MD

“ To Janet and Family,
I am truly sorry for your loss. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Matt Duditch.

Matt Duditch - June 18, 2024 at 10:59 AM

BC

“ Dear Zellmer Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in our prayers. Mr. Zellmer was such a wonderful man. Such a big part of what made St. Charles so special. He loved to tell my boys, when they were little, that they needed a haircut, to which they would always laugh, as they always had buzz cuts. In later years, when we'd catch him after Mass, he always lit up to talk about his grandkids. He will be greatly missed. Tim & Bridget (Ivory) Corbett and family

Bridget Corbett - June 18, 2024 at 02:55 AM

AR

“ Janet, Tim and related family,

*Please accept our condolences on the passing of your Dad.
Thinking of all of you during the days and weeks ahead.*

Andy & Jenn Ryall

Andy Ryall - June 17, 2024 at 12:53 PM

TF

“ *The Harkwell family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James B. Zellmer.*



The Harkwell family. - June 17, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ *Dear Zellmer Family,*

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Zellmer. He was a dear friend of my father Jim Cassidy. Mr. Zellmer played an amazing Santa Claus when my dad would host St. Nick's parties for his grandchildren. It was always fun seeing him at the Totino Grace football games. Mr. Zellmer was always kind and friendly. He is in an amazing place and I know he will miss him here on earth. Please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, I will be in Arizona during the funeral.

Mary Cassidy Moynagh

Mary Moynagh - June 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James B. Zellmer.



June 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ Todd Ackerman and Andy Gensler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James B. Zellmer.

Todd Ackerman and Andy Gensler - June 14, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ What an amazing loving, caring, man of faith! He was kind to everyone and was one of my parents best friends. God Bless you Jim & all of family, Love You!

Mary (Haik) Borowski - June 13, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ Tom Z. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James B. Zellmer.



Tom Z. - June 13, 2024 at 10:32 AM

YP

“ Janet and Family - So sad to hear about your father's passing. Please accept my deepest condolence. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Yu Pan - June 12, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ Janet, and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I can see your smile, Janet in your dad's photo and I can only imagine what a gem he was. I am very sorry for your and sending you lots of love and support at this time. May your sweet memories of him and his time with your family offer comfort to you all during this time. Stephanie Hammes-Betti

Stephanie Hammes-Betti - June 12, 2024 at 04:15 PM

TH

“ Tim & Julie Held purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of James B. Zellmer.



Tim & Julie Held - June 12, 2024 at 03:52 PM

MC

“ Janet and Family - Please accept our condolences. Michelle, Grandpa Marty and Rylie

Michelle Chevalier - June 12, 2024 at 08:09 AM

TO

“ To Janet and family - Sincere condolences for you loss, thinking of you at this sad time. Tom O'Shea

Tom O'Shea - June 12, 2024 at 03:02 AM

JM

“ Janet and family- my sincerest condolences
Jeannie McCarver

Jeannie McCarver - June 11, 2024 at 07:47 PM

AF

“ Janet and Family - Our thoughts are with you. May your happy
memories of James' life give you piece and comfort. Anne and Tom
Furlong

Anne Furlong - June 11, 2024 at 06:41 PM

TF

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Jim. My boys especially loved
his stories. My most recent memory is from my mom's funeral. I told
him I desperately needed a Dad hug and would he give me one? He
wrapped me in his arms and said, "Anything for you". I love and
miss him. Aunt Ann, Tim and Janet- you are all in my heart. Love,
Terry Zane

Terry Zane Foy - June 11, 2024 at 06:01 PM

SM

“ To Janet Lerch and Family - thinking of you at this very sad time.
Sending you love, thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time.
Sue Urban Miller

Sue Miller - June 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM

TA

“ Please accept our condolences and deepest sympathies. Todd
Ackerman and Andy Gensler

Todd Ackerman - June 11, 2024 at 05:16 PM

MA

“ *To Janet Lerch & Family thinking of you at this sad time. Love and best wishes from Maureen Stanley from all your European Colleagues and Friends.*

Maureen - June 11, 2024 at 04:45 PM