

In Loving Memory

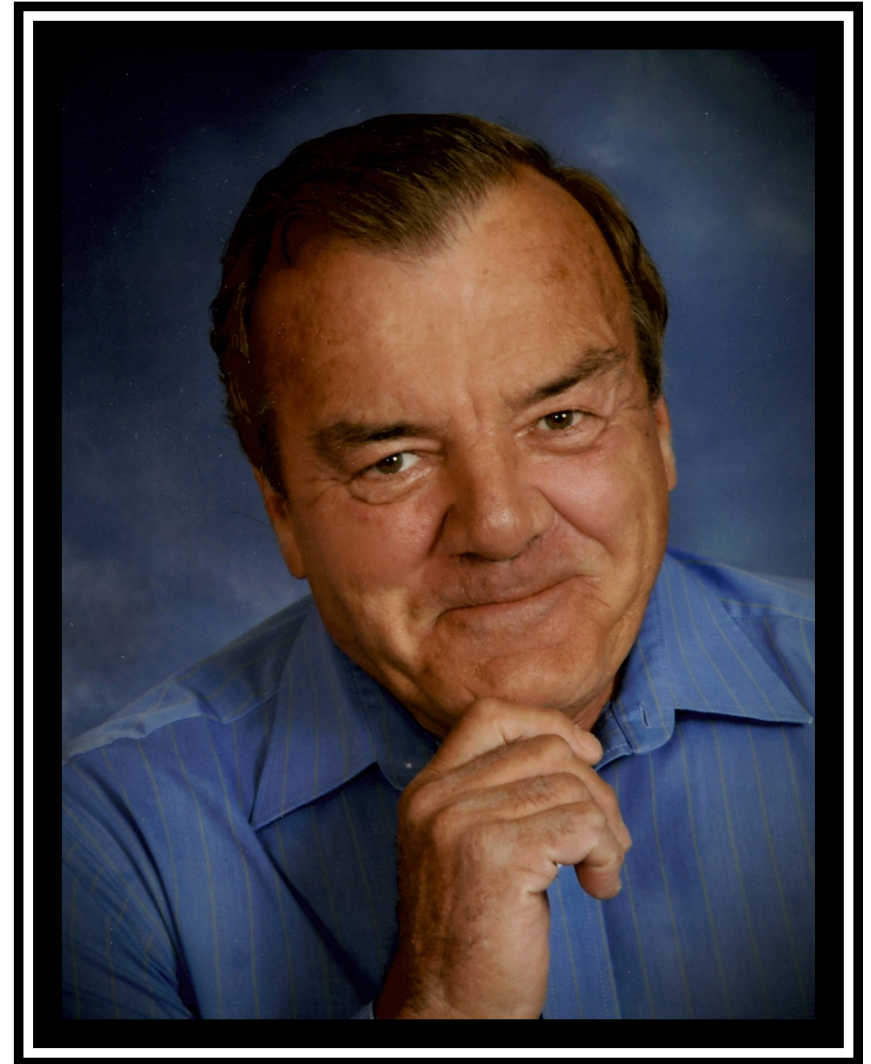
James David Kaufman was born on October 5, 1947, the son of Julius and Jeanette (Anderson) Kaufman in St. Cloud, MN. He grew up in the St. Cloud area and helped his grandparents on the farm. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1965 and then enlisted into the United States Navy. James served in the Mobile Riverine Force Squadron 13 during the Vietnam War. Jim received the Purple Heart and many other awards for his bravery and service to his country. Jim was so proud of the country he protected while in the Navy and continued to support his fellow veterans until his dying day. He was a true patriot and hero.

After the war, Jim moved back to Minnesota and met the “Love of his Life”, Patricia Bartell. They were united in marriage on June 5, 1971 at St. John’s Church in Foley, MN. Four children were born to this marriage, Karla, Keri, Darren, and Sarah. Jim worked at International Paper in Sartell from 1980 until 2004. Jim and Pat retired to their lake home on Crooked Lake near Farwell.

Jim’s prized possession was his wife, kids, and grandkids. Jim’s life was all about loving the woman he married, caring for the children he raised and idolizing the grandchildren he cherished. Jim was always the loudest cheering fan at all of his families sporting events. He was also the fun-loving jokester to his grandkids. He was instrumental in establishing the “Kaufman Feats of Strength”. Jim’s competitiveness was on full display with any obstacle or event he came up with during family get together. Jim enjoyed watching or listening to the Minnesota Twins and the Vikings. He even kept stats on the players of the teams he watched. His hobbies included, bee keeping, weightlifting, fishing, and casino trips. Jim and Pat wintered in Texas and had met many new friends over the years. Jim had a heart of gold, was respected as man, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

James D. Kaufman died on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at his home. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Patricia Kaufman of Farwell; mother, Jeanette Kaufman of Waite Park; children, Karla (Brian) Schneider of Albany, Keri (Erik) Wimmer of Alexandria, Darren (Jess) Kaufman of Sartell, and Sarah (Ben) Grutsch of Avon; 11 grandchildren; siblings, John (Bev) Kaufman of Rice, Judith Kaufman of Apple Valley, Janice (Dave) Vierzba of St. Augusta; and his sister-in-law, Lori Kaufman of Austin, TX;

James was preceded in death by his father, Julius Kaufman; father and mother-in-law, Leslie and Harriet Bartell; sister Joni Schreder; brother Joey Kaufman; brother-in-law, Steve Schreifels; and grandnephew, Daniel White.



James David Kaufman
1947 - 2019

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

Celebrating the Life of
James David Kaufman
October 5, 1947 † September 12, 2019

Memorial Mass

Camp Ripley Memorial Chapel
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
1:00 PM

Officiant

Father Scott Pogatchnik

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace"
"On Eagles Wings"
"Be Not Afraid"

Urn Bearers

Logan Harren Grayson Kaufman
Griffin Wimmer Eli Wimmer
Samuel Grutsch

Honorary Urn Bearers

Erin Harren Halie Kaufman
Olivia Harren Ainsley Grutsch

Committal Service

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
Camp Ripley, Minnesota

Military Honors

Camp Ripley Honor Guard



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