

As a story teller himself, we wish to thank all the people in Jim's life who share in the many memories he has shared with us.

James "Jim" Arnold Steidl, 89, of Carlos, Minnesota, passed away on February 6, 2021. Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, Jim fought with strength and vitality managing the complications of Covid-19; his quick-wit and devoted family filled his final days.

Jim was born in Belle River Township on December 21, 1931, to Claude and Mary (Forster) Steidl. The middle of nine children, Jim attended a one-room schoolhouse and helped out on the family's small farm.

He fell in love with Carol Jean Schneiderhan and married on August 27, 1957 at St Nicholas Catholic Church. Together they made their first home in Belle River, farming and starting their family of five children. After sickness overtook their livestock, they moved to Carlos where Jim traveled many miles and shared many stories about his painting profession. In his later years, he practiced woodworking skills, crafting a replica of his childhood home and many bird and butterfly houses to share.

Jim's biggest accomplishments were being a husband, father, grandfather and brother. He considered himself lucky to have three sons Rick, Randy, and Jimmy and two daughters Jean and Julie. He taught them the trade of painting, to enjoy every moment life has to offer, and to never slow down.

Jim will always be remembered in the small town of Carlos for his daily drive-by and smiles to the quick hello at the bank. He was always on the go and enjoyed regular visits to Jim & Judy's, Alexandria Ace Hardware, Herby's, Behengs, and friendly neighbors. May he always be known for his ATV and golf cart town tours, assorted tractor collection, the friendly wave from his bench/porch swing, the harvest of garden goods he shared, Christmas lights, or him and Carol's notorious homemade apple pies.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents: Claude and Mary; brothers: Mike, Tim and Larry; sisters: Marie and Lorraine.

Jim is survived by his wife: Carol; children: Jean (Herb) Grothen, Rick Steidl, Randy (Wendy) Steidl, Julie (Dave) Waldorf and Jim (Sadie) Steidl; grandchildren: Shelly, Missy, Kristin, Kacie, Jacob, Ben, Nicole, Maggie, Nick, Nolan and Emily; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters: Betty (Jim) Schramel, Joanie (Cyril) Zimmel and Judy Kaufman; and sisters-in-law: Ella and Doris. Jim also leaves behind special friend Jeff Beck and his beloved animal companions Pepi and Muffin.

A Prayer for my Dad

Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my dad. You must really love me, 'cause You gave the best You had. Watch over him and bless him Lord, and keep him in Your care. And may he feel My Love for him, is my humble, heartfelt prayer.

Ron Tranmer

In Memory of **James "Jim" Arnold Steidl**

December 21, 1931



February 6, 2021



Mass of Christian Burial

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Belle River, MN

Wednesday February 10, 2021
11:00 AM

Officiant

Father Dave Petron

Readers

Nicole Vosberg Missy Syring
Jeff Beck

Casket Bearers

Jacob Steidl Nolan Steidl
Ben Steidl Todd Burgess
Nick Steidl Pat Steidl

Honorary Casket Bearers

Jim's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Interment

St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery
Belle River, Minnesota