



James "Jim" Melcher

September 24, 1940 - January 14, 2025

The memorial Mass celebrating the life of James "Jim" Melcher of Deer Creek will be held at 11:00a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Butler, MN.

A celebration of life open-house will be held on Thursday, from 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. with Military Honors at 7:30p.m. at the Deer Creek Community Center. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday, starting at 9:30a.m. until time of the Mass. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Deer Creek at a later date.

Jim passed away peacefully at home in Deer Creek, with family by his side.

James Arthur Melcher was born to Elmer and Mary Ann (Sapa) Melcher on September 24, 1940, in Hankinson, ND. He grew up with four siblings in Breckenridge, MN. In 1963, Jim enlisted in the United States Army; was stationed in Baumholder, Germany and honorably discharged in October, 1965. While stationed in Germany, Jim married the love of his life and partner in crime, Carol Ann Loher on August 15, 1964. Their marriage was blessed with one daughter, Laurie.

Throughout Jim's life, he worked as a social work counselor, an Amoco station owner/operator and retired from the United States Postal Service as a rural mail carrier. He was a proud member of the Deer Creek Fire Department,

Deer Creek Legion Club and the Deer Creek Lion's Club.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents Elmer and Mary Ann Melcher; in-laws George and Ethel Loher; brother Patrick, sisters Marlene (Iverson) and Carole (Matejka); brothers-in-law; William "Bill" Iverson and Tom Matejka.

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol of Deer Creek; daughter, Laurie (Milo) Helmrichs of Rozet, WY; granddaughter, Megan (Ashley) Tripp of Moorhead; and sister, Patricia (Montez) of Edina.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

30301 550th Ave.
(1 mile west and 1.5 miles north)
Deer Creek, MN 56527

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Open House

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Deer Creek Community Center
120 Main Avenue East
Deer Creek, MN

Visitation

JAN **24**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
54216 Co. Hwy. 148 (N. of New York Mills)
Butler, MN 56567

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
54216 Co. Hwy. 148 (N. of New York Mills)
Butler, MN 56567

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Melcher



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 22, 2025 at 12:50 PM

GG

“ James was a good man; always friendly and willing to help anyone in need. Good qualities, don't you think? He will be missed. God Bless his family during this difficult time.”

Garry D Grewe - January 26, 2025 at 10:07 AM

TU

“ I will miss seeing Jim at the Station we always had a lot to talk about. Jim was a wonderful person and he is a man with many talents, we've known him for a great many years, he was never at a loss for words. Our prayers go out to Jim's family as he will always be missed



Teri Uhde - January 23, 2025 at 10:01 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 22, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KG

“ Keith & Karen Goeller lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Melcher



Keith & Karen Goeller - January 22, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SW

“ Carol & Laurie, Jim was my favorite curmudgeon. He had a gruff exterior, but could always make me laugh. God's Peace to you.

Shelley Wessels - January 21, 2025 at 12:06 PM

BG

“ Carol, so sorry to hear about Jim. I just met you this last summer. You restored a mirror for me. I remember you were excited about going out to celebrate your anniversary! Prayers are with and your families. God Bless!



bonnie gustafson - January 21, 2025 at 10:32 AM

PH

“ Phyllis Haarstad lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Phyllis Haarstad - January 20, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CA

“ Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Cindy Anderson - January 20, 2025 at 12:25 AM

MH

“ Mary & Ray Hendrickx lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Mary & Ray Hendrickx - January 19, 2025 at 09:51 PM

JF

“ Carol and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jackie Fredericksen - January 19, 2025 at 05:42 PM

PE

“ Peter and Margaret Van Erp lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Peter and Margaret Van Erp - January 19, 2025 at 02:15 PM

GP

“ Jim was a good neighbor and always there if needed a hand or more wisdom, tools etc., plus always had a bit of humor to go along with it, a good man he was God Bless

Gerald Porter - January 19, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ Carol, we are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great man and was so helpful when we bought the gas business. Keep your memories alive and it will help to ease his passing. In our prayers and may Jim RIP.



judy shaw - January 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JE

“ Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Judy Erdahl - January 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KL

“ Carol so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to you all ❤️

Kathy Lorentz - January 18, 2025 at 02:48 PM

MD

“ Monica and Ryan Dragt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim Melcher.

Monica and Ryan Dragt - January 18, 2025 at 08:08 AM

RV

“ Richard & Joyce Voge lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Richard & Joyce Voge - January 18, 2025 at 07:10 AM

JE

“ Jennifer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Jennifer - January 17, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JM

“ Joyce Malmgren lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Joyce Malmgren - January 17, 2025 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ Jim and Carol were my first real bosses when I worked at the Standard station while in high school. I learned about how to fix things from Jim, along with how to treat people. He tried to be a tough guys sometimes, but I knew in his heart he was a softy. I'll miss him, and wish Carol and Laurie and the rest of the family my fondest wishes at this time. I'll miss "Melcher".

Roger D Houselog - January 17, 2025 at 02:18 PM

JB

“ John and Anita Beringer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



John and Anita Beringer - January 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

KL

“ Jim will be remembered for his endearing smile, kindness, sense of humor, and generosity. He was a true "Mr-Fix-It" and could repair anything...he loved a challenge! After I graduated and eventually moved to North Dakota, our kids would spend many of their summers at my parents' farm and grew to know Jim and Carol well. We cherish the numerous memories. Our deepest condolences to Carol, Laurie, and to all of Jim's extended family and MANY friends.

Kim and Becky (Zeise) Lovgren - January 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM

KL

“ Kim & Becky (Zeise) Lovgren lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Kim & Becky (Zeise) Lovgren - January 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM

GC

“ Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



Gary and Marcy Collins - January 17, 2025 at 09:00 AM

DW

“ He was an amazing guy. Thoughts and prayers with you Carol & Laurie and family.



Dean & Brenda (Grotheer) Wegscheid - January 16, 2025 at 09:48 PM

KP

“ Kelly, Lorri, Vern, Karla Families and Pat purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James "Jim" Melcher.



Kelly, Lorri, Vern, Karla Families and Pat - January 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KP

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Kelly, Lorri, Vern, Karla Families and Pat - January 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM

LM

“ Lois Miller lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Melcher



Lois Miller - January 16, 2025 at 06:52 PM

KZ

“ Carol, Laurie & family; I am so sorry for your loss! Jim was a huge part of our family when we kids were growing up. I have many memories of Jim sitting around the kitchen table drinking coffee and just B.S.ing! Jim was a great guy and always willing to lend a helping hand. My sympathy & prayers to you all. Rest in Peace Jim!



Kathy (Layman) Zavadil - January 16, 2025 at 06:41 PM

BS

“ *Bonnie Schlecht lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher*



Bonnie Schlecht - January 16, 2025 at 06:24 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher*



Rita Anderson - January 16, 2025 at 04:53 PM

BB

“ *Betty Barr lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher*



Betty Barr - January 16, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CB

“ Carol and family, deepest condolences to all of you! So many great memories of Jim and the visits we had. He was always so willing to help out whenever we needed anything. We are so thankful that you guys watched Keegan when he was little and how comfortable he felt there after the first day. The mail box story is one of our favorites. Praying for God’s comfort and peace to all of you. His memories will live on forever in our hearts.



Charlie and Brenda - January 16, 2025 at 10:16 AM

GC

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NP

“ Nissa Pearson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim Melcher



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