



## James "Jim" Murray

April 7, 1945 - January 22, 2024

The funeral service celebrating the life of James "Jim" Murray of Oak Grove, originally of Wadena, will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Family and friends may gather beginning at 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

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You are invited to view Jim's service on Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services' Facebook page.

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Jim, age 78, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on January 22, 2024, at his home in Oak Grove, MN.

James David Murray was born to Asher C. and Norene (Geiser) Murray on April 7, 1945, at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. He attended St. Ann's Parochial School through the eighth grade, graduated from Wadena High School and Wadena Vocational School.

In September of 1965, Jim joined the U.S. Air Force and served during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge as a Sergeant in October of 1968.

Jim was united in marriage with Renee Reece on July 7, 1978, in Richfield. They made their home on a farm in Oak Grove where Jim pursued his lifelong interest in horses. In time, he became a proud horse breeder, racehorse

owner, and member of the MQHRA. He was also a lifetime member of the Wadena VFW.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents, Asher and Norene; brother, Joseph Murray; parents-in-law, George and Noreen Reece; sister-in-law and brothers-in-law: Lois (Bill) Nelson, Charles Reece, David Reece, Harlan Reece and LaVern Erkenbrack.

Always remembering Jim will be his wife, Renee; siblings: Mary K. Murray, Barbara Murray, Susan (John) Scheiding, Asher W. Murray, Norene (Timothy) Wilson; sister-in-law, Dixie Murray; many nieces and nephews; along with extended family and friends. Jim will be truly missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

Serving as casket bearers will be Kevin Stevens, Jeffrey Stevens, Clifford Wilson, Jason Murray, Paul Murray, Scott Murray, and William Murray.

Military honors will be provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, rural Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 26.** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Service

**JAN 26.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a James Murray's Service in memory of James "Jim" Murray



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 17, 2024 at 04:27 PM



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



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 24, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DV

*Beautiful*

Darlene M. Veit - January 25, 2024 at 04:50 PM

VL

*Renee,*

*So sorry for your loss. Hope all the memories you and Jim shared will give you solace and comfort during this most difficult time. We are here for you, should you need anything!!*

*Your Friends and Neighbors,*

*Gene and Vicky*

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**Victoria Laughlin** - January 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

HW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of James Murray. We both attended St. Ann's Parochial School and had our Spring St. Ann's picnic on the Murray farm by Wadena. Enjoyed riding horses with Jim a few times at the Murray farm, too. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim, his family and friends.*



*Harlan Weniger*

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**Harlan Weniger** - February 08, 2024 at 06:19 PM

SB

“ *Definitely one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever known. Awesome human beings. Condolences to the family.*

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**Sue Boots** - January 28, 2024 at 02:14 PM

KT

“ *karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray*



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**karen Treangen** - January 27, 2024 at 09:16 PM

JP

“ *Renee, Jim and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. So many memories are coming to mind today of the good times we had together with you and Jim. He was about the nicest guy I have ever known. Our love and hugs to you, Renee. Jim and Judy Peterson*

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**Judy Peterson** - January 26, 2024 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ *Darlo Martin lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray*



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**Darlo Martin** - January 26, 2024 at 12:46 AM

JM

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Murray - January 25, 2024 at 10:13 PM

HA

*beautiful pictures and horses, you can tell he really loved his horses and always has from when we were growing up together.*

Helen Allee - January 27, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know he was in poor health.



Duane Shaw - January 25, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JM

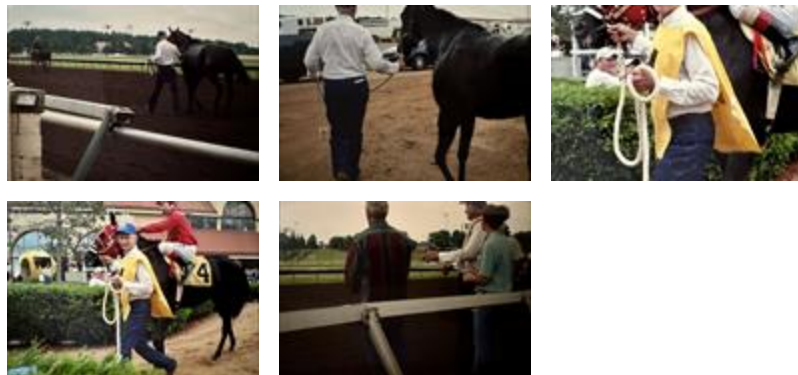
“ 14 files added to the album Canterbury Park



Julie Murray - January 25, 2024 at 04:55 PM

JM

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Murray - January 25, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Murray.



January 25, 2024 at 04:19 PM

ML

“ From: Matt Van Bruggen and Pemberton Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Murray.

Matt Van Bruggen and Pemberton Law - January 25, 2024 at 04:19 PM

HA

“ So sorry to hear about Jim, His folks' farm and my folks' farm were connected when we were going up. I rode my horse or bike over to visit with them almost every day when we were kids. Have many fond memories of the family. Always enjoyed seeing Jim at our class reunions and so glad I got to see him at our last one in Aug. I got my first and only May basket from him the first year we moved here in 1952 from ND and never forgot it. He was such a nice person and will miss seeing him in the future. When we were in Catholic school we always had our school picnic at the end of the school year at their farm and had such good times with the whole family. God bless all of you, the world lost a great soul, but God took one home to be with him.



Helen Allee - January 25, 2024 at 02:57 PM

DV

“ Jim was a great neighbor to my dad, George Pritchard. They shared a love of horses and the outdoors. from Ted and Darlene Veit,

Darlene M. Veit - January 25, 2024 at 11:39 AM

MB

“ Mike Bondzin lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray



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Mike Bondzin - January 25, 2024 at 10:35 AM

TL

“ Tom & Mary Ludovissie lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray



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Tom and Mary Ludovissie - January 24, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JB

“ Renee and the Murray Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Renee - Praying that you will find peace in your heart. Jim is a distant cousin of mine as his mother and my mother were Geiser cousins. Rest in peace, Jim.



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Joyce (Roggenkamp) Boyne - January 24, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JM

“ My childhood was filled with visits to see Jim and Renee. I'll always remember his stocked candy dish, his beautiful horses, and his shy demeanor but big laugh.



Julie Murray - January 24, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray



Dixie Murray - January 24, 2024 at 01:29 PM

BN

“ Butch Nyhus lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray



Butch Nyhus - January 24, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SR

“ So sorry for your loss



Steve and Kathy Richter - January 24, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 24, 2024 at 12:18 PM

MA

“ *Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Assn. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James "Jim" Murray.*



Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Assn. - January 24, 2024 at 11:27 AM

MA

“ *Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Assn. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Murray.*

Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Assn. - January 24, 2024 at 11:27 AM

DD

“ Keeping your family in my prayers



Debra Dague - January 24, 2024 at 10:53 AM

MF

“ Condolences to Jim's family. ~~~ Marie



Marie Fraune - January 24, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Murray.



January 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Murray.



January 24, 2024 at 07:40 AM

EF

“ *Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Murray*



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**Esther and Alan Freitag** - January 23, 2024 at 08:11 PM