



James B. Hilmerson, Sr.

October 27, 1937 - September 2, 2018

James "Jim" Hilmerson Sr. 80 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, September 2, 2018 at the Little Falls Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN with Father Joseph Herzing officiating. Burial will take place in the Holy Family Parish Cemetery in Belle Prairie, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10-11 A.M. on Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Jim was born on October 27th, 1937 to the late Halver and Helen (Tretter) Hilmerson in Brainerd MN. He grew up on the family farm in Freedhem, MN and attended country grade school and then on to Little Falls High school for a short time before he decided he was heading to North Dakota with some buddies to work in the potato fields. Jim did that for a few years driving back and forth on the weekends. On May 7th, 1960 Jim married Donna Weiss from Little Falls, where they raised five children. Jim and Donna later divorced in 1982, but remained friends until Jim's death.

Jim started working for Vons Supply in Little falls in 1959 and then the couple moved to Mpls where Jim worked at Greeson Hydraulics until returning to Little Falls a couple years later. Jim always had a passion for wheeling and dealing in cars and when they returned to Little Falls Jim started buying a few

wrecked cars and fixing them back up and reselling them. This led Jim to start buying and selling repairable cars and trucks. Jim first rented the shop where Little Falls Plumbing is now located. In 1968 Jim then purchased land South of town and started Jim's Auto parts which soon became one of the premier auto recycling facilities in the five-state area selling used auto and truck parts, along with repairable vehicles.

Jim was also one of the top snowmobile racers in the State in the early 70's. He won many events riding Polaris snowmobiles, teaming up with Larson Motor Service team in Little Falls. Jim suffered a severe stroke in 1984 at the age of 46 and was told he would not walk again... But with his dedication and determination to overcome this, within 12 months he was back up in the loader crushing cars and going to auto auctions. He NEVER gave up and he didn't give up very easy at the end either. Jim loved life and after retiring from the auto parts business in 1994 Jim still couldn't get buying and selling out of his blood so he started wheeling and dealing in John Deere mowers and tractors again for many years. Jim loved riding his John Deere Gator with his kids, grandkids, and whoever would go with him around his property or visiting his neighbors. He has even been seen riding around on his gator with the local preacher man from time to time (Father Joe) whom he dearly admired and couldn't wait to visit with.

Jim is survived by his children. Jim (Linda) Hilmerson Jr. of Little Falls, MN, John (Marcie) Hilmerson of Little Falls, MN, Sherrie (Jay) Koning of Cloquet, MN, Debbie (Susan Walvius) Hilmerson of Prior Lake, MN, Linda (Curt) Posterick of Little Falls, MN, Lynda Hertel of Brainerd MN; former wife Donna Hilmerson of Little Falls, MN; Siblings, Doris Larson of Little Falls, MN, Betty Ann(Bob) Thrasher of Decatur Alabama and Mary (Don Buss) of Pequot Lakes, MN. 16 Grandchildren and 33 Great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Halver and Helen Hilmerson;

siblings, Margaret, Frank, and Evelyn.

The Hilmerson family wishes to thank St. Gabriel's Hospital, Little Falls Care Center, and CHI Hospice for their compassionate care and support they provided to Jim and the family. They are forever grateful. A very special thank you to Father Joe for all the visits and support to Dad over the years and our family during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Holy Family Parish Catholic Cemetery - Belle Prairie

18777 Riverwood Dr
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie
18777 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN

Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 04, 2018 at 02:36 PM



What a beautiful tribute. Rest in peace big Jim!

Patty Olson - September 04, 2018 at 04:17 PM

MD

It is so beautiful. And a Tear JJERKER. BUT IM NOT SAYIING IN A WRONG WAY. IT IS BEAUTIFUL. KYLE YOU DO GOOD WORK.

Msry Lou Drong - September 04, 2018 at 07:33 PM

MD

That is Mary Lou Drong

Msry Lou Drong - September 04, 2018 at 07:34 PM



Rest in peace Jim, I missed so much time with you and family....I love u Donna and the family.....

Paul Loscheider - September 13, 2018 at 05:55 PM



“ *James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ *Julie Cool lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Julie Cool - September 07, 2018 at 05:03 AM

JC

Rest In Peace

Julie Cool - September 07, 2018 at 05:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



September 06, 2018 at 12:24 PM

 Laura Ploof Larson

“ *Laura Ploof Larson lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Laura Ploof Larson - September 06, 2018 at 08:56 AM

JL

“ *Our Love and comforting thoughts to the Family. Rest in Peace, Uncle Jim. 'Motor On'. Jim & June Loscheider & Family & Lu Bonemeyer*

Jim Loscheider - September 05, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Jelinski Harakel lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Debbie Jelinski Harakel - September 05, 2018 at 04:51 PM

DH

Sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one.

Debbie Jelinski Harakel - September 05, 2018 at 04:53 PM

TE

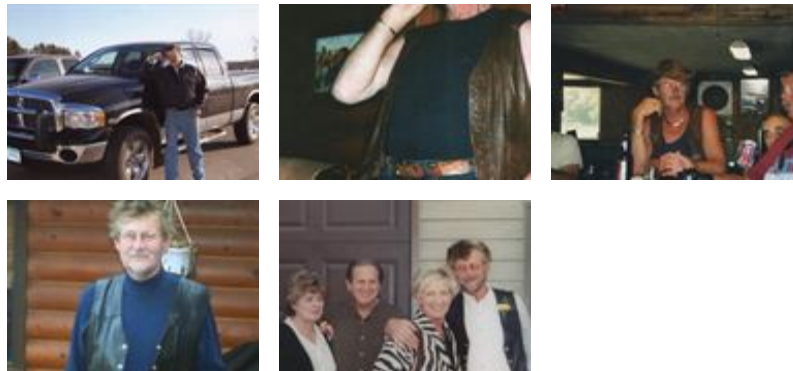
“ *Tony, Tim, and Julie Doran, Marna & Ron Ewald purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



Tony, Tim, and Julie Doran, Marna & Ron Ewald - September 05, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 05, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CB

“ Cynthia Leone Bullis purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..



Cynthia Leone Bullis - September 05, 2018 at 10:39 AM

MF

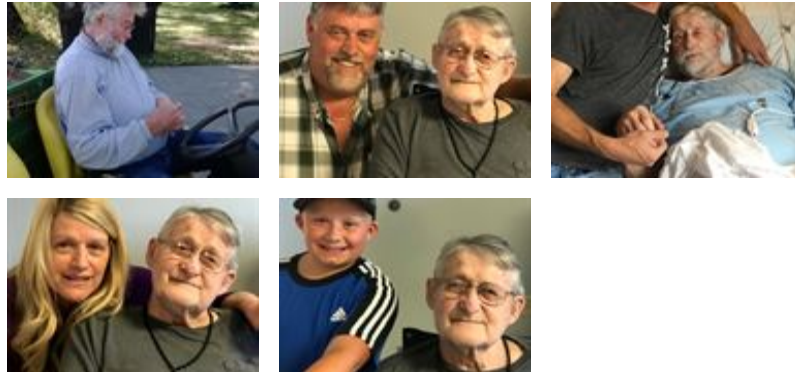
“ Mary Kuebelbeck and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..



Mary Kuebelbeck and family - September 05, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ 7 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 05, 2018 at 08:16 AM

DW

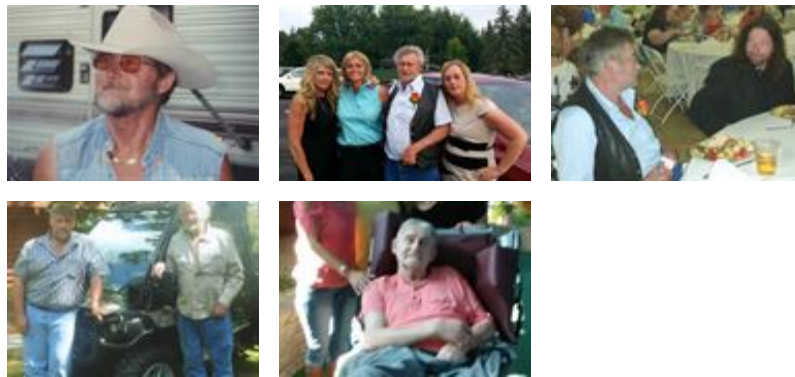
“ *Duane Witucki lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Duane Witucki - September 04, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 04, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



September 04, 2018 at 12:51 PM

SC

“ Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.
Tim Cash family



Sandra Cash - September 04, 2018 at 12:07 PM

JT

“ Jeff & Deb Tschida lit a candle in memory of
James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



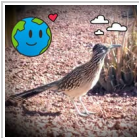
Jeff & Deb Tschida - September 04, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..



September 04, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Gary and Yvonne

Yvonne Zappa - September 04, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



September 03, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Sandy Nelson - September 03, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



September 03, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *Allan Marilyn Schneider lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Allan Marilyn Schneider - September 03, 2018 at 09:10 AM

MS

Sympathey to the Hilmersom family, Marilyn Schneider

Marilyn Schneider - September 03, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James B. Hilmerson, Sr..*



September 03, 2018 at 06:22 AM

TT

“ *Tate & Kathi Tetrick lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Tate & Kathi Tetrick - September 03, 2018 at 06:07 AM

DF

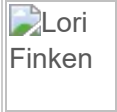
“ *Deepest sympathy to family, Jim and I go back 55 yrs. Recently I was able to visit with him and rehash some our adventures and misadventures. Always a good laugh. Rest in peace Jim. Danny Finken*

Dan Finken - September 03, 2018 at 02:27 AM

JH

Thanks again Danny. You made his day 😊

Jim Hilmerson - September 03, 2018 at 09:35 AM



Lori Finken

I am so happy they had gone together...jim always thought I was married to Danny lol

Lori Finken - September 03, 2018 at 12:53 PM



JH

Thank you Lori for all your help with dad. We all very much appreciated it.

Jim Hilmerson - September 05, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ *Chuck Larson lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Chuck Larson - September 03, 2018 at 12:27 AM



May Uncle Jim Rest In Peace... For My Mother Doris: May Brother Jim Rest In Peace... He Will Be Missed By All...

Chuck Larson - September 03, 2018 at 12:29 AM



MC

“ *Margurite Cofell lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.*



Margurite Cofell - September 02, 2018 at 11:23 PM

SL

“ Scott And Kim Lillemoe lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Scott and Kim Lillemoe - September 02, 2018 at 10:50 PM

BO

“ Bryan And Sandy Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Bryan and Sandy Olson - September 02, 2018 at 07:47 PM

BR

I am so very sorry for the family in the loss Of Jim. Prayers for sl 🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Jean Rekowski - September 02, 2018 at 11:38 PM

MW

When I would visit Jim, I would get him talking about the good old days when he traveled MN looking for cars and he went to all corners of the State.

marv Weiss - September 04, 2018 at 02:34 PM

DH

“ Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Denise Hegna - September 02, 2018 at 07:00 PM

DW

“ Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Dwight & Celeste Wiersgalla - September 02, 2018 at 06:25 PM

LP

“ Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Linda Paycer - September 02, 2018 at 06:02 PM

RL

“ Rick & Donna Lundgren lit a candle in memory of James B. Hilmerson, Sr.



Rick & Donna Lundgren - September 02, 2018 at 03:15 PM