



James "Jim" L. Virnig

September 3, 1960 - February 26, 2024

James L. Virnig, 63 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 26, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Virgil Helmin officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Friday and from 9 to 10:30 AM on Saturday all at the church. Caring for Jim and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Pierz.

James (Fedge) Virnig was born September 3, 1960 in Onamia, MN to the late Wilfred and Dolores (Motschke) Virnig. Jim grew up on the family farm in Lastrup, MN. He attended school in Lastrup and later graduated with the Pierz Healy High class of 1978. Jim worked at the Pierz Villa during his high school years. After graduating, he briefly worked for McCourtney Plastics in St. Louis Park before starting his career at Thielen Meats of Pierz, where he was a very dedicated employee for nearly 44 years. Jim was united in marriage to Danita Bauer on July 23, 1983 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Buckman, MN. They were married for 26 years and although their relationship turned out to be less permanent than either one of them expected, they both raised two exceptional children, Chad and Alissa. Jim enjoyed all sports, from pitching ball for the Lastrup Lakers to bowling on a league in Pierz, and also deer hunting with his family. Jim had a very competitive nature and was good at anything he played (including pull tabs and tip boards)! He enjoyed going to happy hour, playing cards, shaking dice, and visiting with his family and

friends around the community. Jim had a lot of friends to keep him busy, but most importantly he ALWAYS made time to see his grandchildren, Kayden, Klarah, Brayden, and Bryar, whom he loved dearly. Jim was a very generous, humble, and kind-hearted man who will be missed so deeply.

Jim is survived by his son, Chad Virnig (Nicole); his daughter, Alissa Boser (Torrey); brothers, Billy Virnig (Sandy), Jeff Virnig, and Pat Virnig; sisters, Jackie Moser (Gary), and Joyce Lindgren (Brad); grandchildren, Brayden Virnig, Kayden Boser, Bryar Virnig, and Klarah Boser; along with many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Dolores Virnig; brother, Peter Virnig; niece, Sheila Moser; grandparents, Albert and Mary Motschke, Peter and Marie Virnig, and many other relatives.

The family of Jim Virnig wishes to thank you for the kindness you showed us during this great time of sorrow. Your expression of sympathy has brought us great comfort.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph's Church
68 Main St N
Pierz, MN 56364-4529
(320) 468-6033

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" L. Virnig*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 28, 2024 at 03:23 PM

TF

This is a wonderful tribute to your father and for your family, Blessing for peace and comfort, Kris and Tony

Tony Fox - February 28, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CT

Rest in Peace my Friend

Carl Templin - February 29, 2024 at 07:54 AM

LK

Beautiful tribute. Rest in peace my friend

Lori Kowalczyk - February 29, 2024 at 09:48 AM

KH

Awesome tribute we will sure miss him kimm Joel demars

Kimm L Hayes - March 01, 2024 at 10:01 PM

LM

Jim you will be missed. Thoughts, prayers, love & hugs go out to all family & friends

Lori Merritt - March 02, 2024 at 10:21 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of Jim’s friends and family! Our hearts hurt for all of you as you mourn this great loss. Let God’s love help you heal and hang on to all of your memories!

Justin and Angie Athman - March 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LM

“ I’ll miss having him wave to me from the backroom of Theilens when I would go in to pick up meat My thoughts, prayers, love & hugs go out to all of his family and friends. Sorry for your loss.

Lori Merritt - March 02, 2024 at 10:24 AM

KT

“ Jim was a rare find when he came to work with me some 40 odd years ago. He was a fast learner and enjoyed his work no matter what job he was doing. Jim was never late never sick and never complained. Twelve hour days 60-70 hour week no problem, just a great work ethic. I was very privileged to have worked with him. Jim will be missed by everyone he was involved with. Thanks Jimmy.
Keith Thielen

Keith Thielen - March 02, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DF

“ To the entire Virnig family, I will forever remember the good times and memories we shared with Jim, just to name a few The Head East concert and will never forget the drive home in John's Chevy Van also camping at Lake Edwards and going to Drive in movies with you and Danita. We will never forget you and you will always be in our hearts. Love you Jim and give Dad a hug from us. ❤️



Darla & John Schefers and family - March 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

BL

“ Brent Lisa and Danielle Lindgren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

Brent Lisa and Danielle Lindgren - March 01, 2024 at 10:05 AM

BL

“ Brent Lisa and Danielle Lindgren purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



Brent Lisa and Danielle Lindgren - March 01, 2024 at 10:05 AM

TF

“ The LaZerte Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

The LaZerte Family - March 01, 2024 at 07:19 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



March 01, 2024 at 07:19 AM

MM

“ Mike & Marney purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



Mike & Marney - February 29, 2024 at 06:55 PM

MM

“ Mike & Marney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

Mike & Marney - February 29, 2024 at 06:55 PM

NC

“ Neil, Brittney, Claire and Christen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



Neil, Brittney, Claire and Christen - February 29, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JJ

“ Very sorry to hear about Jimmy. I always enjoyed his company. My thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy's entire family.



Jim Johnson - February 29, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



February 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ With Love, Tina Helmin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

With Love, Tina Helmin - February 28, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



February 28, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ Brian A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

Brian A. - February 28, 2024 at 08:51 PM

RL

“ Ryan Leidenfrost planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" L. Virnig.

Ryan Leidenfrost - February 28, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



February 28, 2024 at 08:29 PM

MG

“ Mark And Colette Gangl lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" L. Virnig



Mark and Colette Gangl - February 28, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LP

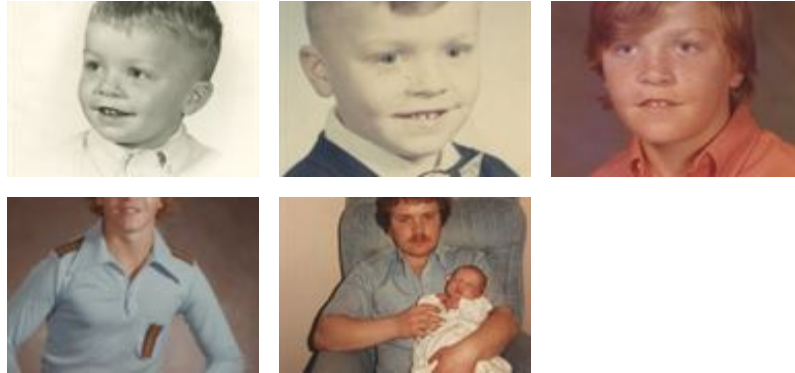
“ Love, Kayla, Aaron and Mia Petron purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



Love, Kayla, Aaron and Mia Petron - February 28, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 28, 2024 at 03:19 PM

HC

“ Hahn Chang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James L. Virnig.

Hahn Chang - February 28, 2024 at 01:12 PM

HC

“ Hahn Chang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.



Hahn Chang - February 28, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SS

“ Shirley Schotl lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" L. Virnig



shirley schotl - February 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" L. Virnig.*



February 28, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Virnig family.
Journey well Jimmy.
Cliff Meyer*



Cliff Meyer - February 28, 2024 at 08:17 AM



“ *Jimmy (the meat man) was the kindest and hardest working man. for the short time i had the privilege of being his bartender, he showed me nothing but love, determination, sacrifice, simplicity, and most importantly, how to laugh at the little things. wearing wigs, glasses, and letting us dress him up with oddball things, smiling with his toothless smile or making a funny face, even his laugh was enough to make another person giggle. He was most certainly one of my favorite customers, and always will be. Rest in Power, to the legend himself, Meat Man Jimmy ❤️*



Lainy - February 27, 2024 at 10:51 PM

LP

“ *Lori And Bill Przybilla lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" L. Virnig*



Lori and Bill Przybilla - February 27, 2024 at 09:05 PM

TT

“ *Tate And Kathi Tetrick sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" L. Virnig*



Tate and Kathi Tetrick - February 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ *Think of Jim's family during this difficult time*
❤️



stacey Hoheisel - February 27, 2024 at 07:33 PM

KT

“ *To Jim's entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - February 27, 2024 at 07:18 PM