



## James L. Kalisch

November 27, 1939 - March 21, 2015

James L. Kalisch, 75 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away peacefully in his sleep. Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Isanti, MN. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Nate Bjorge officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. James L. Kalisch was born on November 27, 1939 in Staples, Minnesota to the late August and Stella Kalisch. Jim and his family moved to Crystal, MN as a teenager. Jim graduated from North High School in 1958. He attended the U of M for two years and then Brown Institute. Jim was united in marriage to Bette J. Rengstorff on January 20, 1962 in Minneapolis, MN. The couple moved to Washington, DC area and he worked for Dahlberg Motorola Hearing Aid Co. and then at Atlantic Research in Alexandria, Virginia where they added Jim Jr. and Ken to their family. They moved back to MN in 1966 and resided in Brooklyn Park where they added Chuck, Doug and Tim to their family. Jim then started his career at Control Data and then NSP/Excel Energy, which he retired from in 2002. Jim enjoyed his family, friends, traveling, motorcycle rides, computers, anything electrical, he could fix anything and he really enjoyed the last couple of years working on the new Faith Lutheran Church. Jim loved the Lord, studying his word and watching God's beautiful work, whether in people or the scenery around him. Jim is survived by his wife, Bette Kalisch; sons, Jim Jr. (Janet) Kalisch of St. Francis,

MN, Ken (Chris) Kalisch of Oak Grove, MN, Chuck Kalisch of Brooklyn Center, MN, Doug (Jessica) Kalisch of Isanti, MN and Tim Kalisch of Brooklyn Park, MN; grandsons, Patrick (Danielle) Kalisch of Cambridge, MN and Alan Kalisch from Oak Grove, MN; great-grandsons, Jacob, Jesse and Casey; brother, Gene Kalisch of Crystal, MN; sister, Shirley Dahley of Crystal, MN; many nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, August and Stella Kalisch; nephews, Michael and Randy Voss. Pallbearers will be Lyle Frerichs, David Maier, Peter Larsen, Darren Colombe, Mike March and Pastor John Peterson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
303 18th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
[pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org](mailto:pastornate@faithlutheranlittelfalls.org)  
<http://faithlutheranlittelfalls.org/>

## Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James L. Kalisch*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 26, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ *James L. Kalisch*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - March 26, 2015 at 12:01 PM

JP

“ We will always remember our Friday Dinners and Pot Lucks. I will remember when I stopped by the house...out came the lawn chairs and conversations. Jim will be missed.  
Betty... you will always be in our hearts. My favorite German saying..."(Those who live in the Lord will never see each other for the last time). JIM WILL BE MISSED !

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**Jack & Betty Peck** - March 26, 2015 at 08:42 AM

JJ

“ I worked with Jim at Control Corporation and at NSP and am sorry to hear of his passing  
the good die young God bless his family

*Jim Jones*

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**Jim Jones** - March 25, 2015 at 07:47 PM

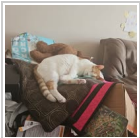
PE

“ Bette, All my love to you and the family. I am so glad I was able to enjoy the trip to Branson with you and Jim. He was such a big Teddy Bear and gave wonderful hugs every time you guys came down to LCM. He is now with Jesus celebrating the meal from the last supper personally with our Lord. You will remain in my prayers and I will be there to give you a big hug when I see you. Love and God's Blessings, Peggy Olivier



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**PeggyOlivier** - March 25, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ I remember your dad well growing up in Brooklyn Park. He was a great man, and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families during this time.

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**Paul Solinger** - March 25, 2015 at 08:48 AM

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“ 12 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Harry O Hanson** - March 25, 2015 at 06:21 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Harold Hanson** - March 24, 2015 at 10:10 PM

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*Our last visit, Sept. 2013, with workmate, CDC/NSP/XCEL,  
and BWCA buddy. These photo's captured his wonderful laugh we've  
enjoyed for 46 years.  
Let HIM live on within us forever!*

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**Harold Hanson** - March 26, 2015 at 09:07 AM

AO

“ Jim was a big huggy-bear for Jesus. I will never forget the night he and I made an EE call on Frank Howenstine. After Frank received Christ, Jim gave him a big hug and thumped him on the back. "Welcome to the 'forever family' of God, Frank." The presence of God literally filled the air.

*In smaller ways, I remember how he helped and encouraged me with my new motorcycle. You go, buddy . . . we'll see ya later!*

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**Arlene and Ernie Olson** - March 24, 2015 at 08:56 PM

MT

“ Every time he and Bette came to Lutheran Church of the Master to worship, I would see them and say hello and give Dad and Mom a big hug. They welcomed us into their family. He will be missed on earth, but what a big party is happening in heaven!



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**Marianne Topar** - March 24, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ Frank Topar lit a candle in memory of James L. Kalisch



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**Frank Topar** - March 24, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *My fondest memory of Jim, or (dad) as I now call him, is when we were having breakfast with he & Bette and Jim & Janet at Fat Nat's. I happened to mention to him that my Dad passed away back in Dec of 1999. He told me I could call him my Dad! Loved that about him!!*

*Frank Topar*

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**Frank Topar** - March 24, 2015 at 07:18 PM

KA

“ *My favorite memory is his smile, his eyes actually sparkled and his grin was infectious. He had a gentle way about him. He was a man of wisdom and peace. Jim will be greatly missed here he was a blessing to everyone he met. I am so grateful to have been one of his friends.*

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**Kaye Anderson** - March 24, 2015 at 06:32 PM

DB

“ *Betty, we are so sorry for your pain.. You know the special place Jim held in our heart. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Duane and Sharon*

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**Duane and Sharon Ballou** - March 24, 2015 at 07:23 AM

JJ

“ *Bette you know what's in our hearts. We love you so! I am so glad we went to Vegas! Our love to your family. We are here for you always.*

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**Joani and john** - March 23, 2015 at 10:16 PM

AT

“ *Aan Thelander lit a candle in memory of James L. Kalisch*



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**Aan Thelander** - March 23, 2015 at 09:03 PM

AT

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you Betty . Jim was such a great guy that I always enjoyed visiting with*

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**Alan Thelander** - March 23, 2015 at 09:06 PM

KB

“ *Kim And Brad lit a candle in memory of James L. Kalisch*



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**Kim and Brad** - March 23, 2015 at 03:08 PM

DC

“ *My "polar bear", I will miss you so much. You were so special and loved by me and your "other son". Our prayers and love- Bette and family. Love Deb and Darren*

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**deb colombe** - March 23, 2015 at 12:40 PM

LF

*It won't be the same without Jim, will miss him so much. Lyle and Cathy Frerichs*

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**Lyle and Cathy Frerichs** - March 25, 2015 at 03:42 PM