



James M. Piekarski

August 30, 1951 - February 18, 2013

James M. Piekarski 61 year-old resident of Swanville, MN passed away February 18, 2013 in Lovington, New Mexico. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Flensburg, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Monday and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday all at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville. Parish Prayers will be held at 7 PM Monday at the church. Military Rites will be conducted by the Swanville American Legion Post #313 and VFW Post #6037.

James M. "Ski" Piekarski was born in Little Falls, MN on August 31st, 1951 to Richard and Theresa (Ludwig) Piekarski. He graduated from Little Falls Senior High School in 1969 and went onto St. Cloud Vocational School for Carpentry. He joined the Military in October 1970 and had an Honorable Discharge in April 1972. He was married earlier in life and later divorced. He operated a thriving construction business which later led to the acquisition of his own lumber business, Ski's Lumber. He then married Diane (Brady) Piekarski on August 24th, 1991. He was a pillar of the Swanville Community first as a carpenter for many building projects; member of the City Council, Swanville American Legion Post #313 and VFW Post #6037; involved in the formation of Granny's Café and many other community activities.

He was survived by his wife, Diane; daughter, Gwen (Mike) Adelman; sons, Michael and Brian (Deb) Piekarski; step-daughters, Karen (Chris) Brooks,

Janet (Kent) Holmberg, Jean Gwost; step-son, Ken (Deb) Czech; 4 grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 5 brothers. James was preceded in death by his parents, Richard & Therese Piekarski; brother, Carl Piekarski, and in-laws, James and Irene Brady. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bob Koetter and Jim Waltman. Active Pallbearers will be Brian Snyder, Gary Loxterkamp, Jim Rocheleau, Mike Adelman, Mike Piekarski and Paul Lange.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Piekarski*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *James M. Piekarski*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you. Big Jim will never be forgotten. God bless you all. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Brian and Deb Schneider##imported-end##*

February 24, 2013 at 12:09 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you##imported-begin##ALLAN & JOANN BRADY##imported-end##*

February 23, 2013 at 11:45 PM



“ to mike and his family. we are very sorry for your loss. it will be different walking into the lumber yard and not having him there. we will miss always seeing him checking in with us when we are doing field work. he always waved as if to say we were doing it right.##imported-begin##jim & lynn barthel##imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 11:46 PM



“ I wish Jim could of made the trip back to Minnesota with Diane and I. A hard loss for us and I will never forget our trips down to Allan/JoAnns and Karen/Chris place Jim will be greatly missed for all his kindness and the help he gave to others.
God Bless,
Geraldine Brady##imported-begin##Gerry Brady##imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 08:30 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family. Jim will be deeply missed. The Lumberyard just wont be the same without Jim.

Kelly@ Thermo-Tech Windows.##imported-begin##Kelly Fruth##imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ To Mike and the entire family of Jim, our deepest sympathy to all of you. Jim will be greatly missed. I always turned to him for advice when it came to anything to do with our home. God be with all of you. Dave and Kathy Barthel.##imported-begin##kathy barthel##imported-end##

February 20, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ *Mike and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathryn
Gessell##imported-end##*

February 19, 2013 at 04:05 PM