



James W. Christensen

January 19, 1946 - August 20, 2024

James W. "Jim" Christensen, 78, of Kingsford, passed away on Tuesday, August 20 at Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Marinette, WI.

Jim was born January 19, 1946 in Oconto, WI, son of the late Russell and Hildegard (Brusewitz) Christensen. He married Elizabeth Hupp on June 26, 1965 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Liz preceded him in death in 2007. Jim was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for many years working for Bob's Homes, and Dickinson Homes among other operator positions he held.

He was known as The Bear to family and friends and even had a grand dog, Little Bear, named after him. Jim spent his time splitting wood for the winter, drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon beer by the fire at camp, and feeding Little Bear ginger snaps dunked in coffee. In his last year of deer season he tagged a beautiful eight point buck that he was so proud of. He was full of knowledge, from planting veggies just to give away to his friends and family all the way to building or fixing anything and everything he could get his hands on. He loved driving big rigs and dump trucks as well as operating heavy equipment. He bragged that he could pluck the hat off of a person standing nearby with the excavator without touching the person. He was adored by all of his grand fur babies. As soon as they heard his truck they would come running because they knew they would for sure be getting treats.

Jim was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, gardening, cutting wood and spending time with family at camp.

He is survived by his daughter, Amy Fiorucci of Kingsford; a daughter-in-law, Donna Christensen; two grandchildren, Tianna and Levi Fiorucci; a brother, Donald (Sharon) Christensen; five sisters, Shirley Siech, Alice Denis, Sue Srenaski, Peggy Christensen and Cathy Christensen; many nieces and nephews; and a grand dog, Little Bear.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jim was also preceded in death by his son, Theodore "Ted" Christensen; sisters, Jan Engstrom, Marian Butler, and Joyce & Constance Christensen; and brothers, Arling & Vernon Christensen.

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 26 from 8:30 to 10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford with Msgr. Joseph Gouin officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Bagley, MI.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jim Christensen online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

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

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts are with the family today. Jim and I were in same class. Always thought of him as a good friend. Would have loved to have been to his service to see you all again. My deepest sympathy to each and every one of you. Janet Dill*

Janet Dill - August 26, 2024 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Love, Your Ahlstrom Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James W. Christensen.*



Love, Your Ahlstrom Family - August 23, 2024 at 12:06 PM