



## James R. Cousineau

January 21, 1933 - December 5, 2020

### HARDWOOD -

James R Cousineau, age 87, passed away Saturday Dec 5, 2020 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI

Jim was born January 21, 1933 in Iron Mountain, the son of Mabel and Joseph Cousineau.

He was raised on the family farm, along with 10 brothers and sisters in Fordville and graduated from Felch High School in 1951.

Following high school Jim remained on the farm where eventually he and his brother Melvin operated the family farm, along with their families, which eventually became a potato farm. It is still in the family and operated by his nephew Jeff Cousineau and his family. In 1977 Jim sold his portion of the farm to his brother and began his own logging business, clear cutting and hauling logs to area mills, until his retirement. Also, during this time, he bought and ran his own sawmill and sold beautiful wood and paneling for many folks' building projects.

Jim married Cecile Gauthier on August 9, 1958 and together they shared 49 years of marriage until Cecile's death in 2007. They raised four daughters – Karen, Janice, Lynn and Susan.

In the late 70's Jim and Cecile eventually began building a lake house, all with his own logs and paneling on the Stromberg's back waters in Hardwood. Their home was the first one on the lake. While living there, they enjoyed many years with their children and families getting together just to enjoy the lake and each other.

A tradition was started every labor day to have a pig roast at the lake where many family and friends came to have a good time. Music was always part of the fun. Jim was the life of the party and eventually became known for his talents at playing his homemade stomper, which he has played for many years, especially at the many local music festivals. He was a hard worker, but knew how to have fun. To say Jim was sociable, is an understatement. His smile radiated a room. If you didn't know Jim, by the end of the day, he would have become your best friend. His love for life shown through his smile. Someone once said, "If a smile is love, nobody loved like Jim!" Throughout the years Jim also enjoyed snowmobiling, taking rides on his pontoon, and camping and of course the yearly November hunting camp.

During his last years Jim could be heard saying, "I lived a good life." Jim was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Foster City, where he was very involved in committees throughout the years, the Knights of Columbus and was a Eucharistic Minister. For many years he was in charge of the cooking of the famous "Church Chicken" that was barbecued every year for the annual church picnic.

Jim also served as Breen Township supervisor and assessor for 25 plus years.

He was an avid North Dickinson Nordic and Green Bay Packer fan.

He is survived by his four daughters, Karen Bougie of Escanaba, Janice (Bill) Goudreau of Kingsford, Lynn (Darrell) Oman of Felch and Sue (Tom) VanHulla of Niagara, WI.; his brother, Melvin Cousineau, who resides at the ICMCF in Crystal Falls; Melvin's wife, Lorraine of Hardwood; his sister-in-law, Louise Legault of Escanaba; also surviving are his grandchildren: Brandy Bougie, Cole Bougie, Mike (Aimee) Cousineau, Ryan Goudreau, Adam (Alysa) Goudreau, Amanda Goudreau, Marie (Travis) Johnson, Emily Oman, Brittany Oman, Joe (Caroline) VanHulla, and James (Lindsey) VanHulla; and great-grandchildren: Maggie, Mya, Georgia, Malechi, Maddielynn, Maliah, Rylee, Gracelynn, Jaz, Alijah, Ashton, Landon, Izzy, Rhett, Mason, Lexee, Marlee, Averie, and Max.

In addition to his parents, Mabel and Joe, and his loving wife Cecile, Jim was preceded in death by his son-in-law Dan Bougie, his sisters, Camellia, Lorraine, Mayme, June, Eileen, Francis and Beverly and his brothers, Donald and John.

Jim's family would like to thank the staff at Maryhill Manor for the loving care given to him. You are all angels, and he was so blessed to have you as his caregivers. Thank you!

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at St. Joseph Church in Foster City. Everyone attending the visitation is asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing while inside the church. Private funeral services are being held. Fr. Daryl Pepin will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of James Cousineau may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69  
Foster City, MI 49834

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Foster City  
MI 49834

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Just read the obituaries today and discovered Jim’s name among them. You have our deepest sympathy. He was such a happy person and that smile was so contagious. It was a pleasure knowing him and his family.

Wayne and Darla Erickson  
Lakeland, Florida

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**Darla Erickson** - December 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RS

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Jim’s family. Jim was a classmate of mine and a good friend. I have many fond memories. His obituary said it all. We usually saw him Memorial Day in Foster City. He was such a nice guy and FUN person. Let the happy memories replace the sadness in your hearts. May the love of family and friends give you comfort, and the love of God give you peace 🙏  
Roger and Ruthie (Johnson) Solberg

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**Ruth Solberg** - December 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R. Cousineau.



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December 10, 2020 at 09:51 AM

LP

“ Karen, Janice, Lynn, Sue and families. So sorry to hear of your loss and although Ben and I are in Mexico, we are with you in love and spirit. The joy and laughter your dad brought with him everywhere will be missed by all who knew him. I can't help but think of the huge smile and look of recognition on Mom's face when he went to visit her at Bishop Noa. They are busy catching up now! Love and hugs, Lana and Ben

Lana and Ben Peterson - December 09, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James R. Cousineau.



December 09, 2020 at 07:28 PM

AP

“ I met my great uncle Jim as an adult. I remember the first time I took my father to see him and how much joy it brought both of them to see each other again after so many years. We tried to visit every year after that first time and I learned so much about the family I never knew growing up. Jim's smile brought so much happiness to my father and I, even for just those short times visiting and I thank God for those memories 🙌❤️🙏



Angela Parochelli - December 09, 2020 at 03:20 PM

TT

“ *Many great memories of Uncle Jim, too many to list. Last time was when he spent the winter in Mesa AZ. We were able get together with Uncle John and Aunt Joyce for a nice visit.  
RIP. - Tom and Ann T.*

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**Tom Timmer** - December 09, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R. Cousineau.*



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December 09, 2020 at 10:37 AM

MO

“ *Cousie girls great picture of your dad. I have many fond memories of staying at your house and one memory I remember is when in elementary or so, when he never yelled at us when Sue and I pestered him and would comb his hair in a comb over style and laugh like silly fools when all he really wanted was a quick catnap on the couch after his lunch before he had to go back out for who knows how many more hours of work on the farm. Lol!*

*Yaaa yaa Jim! Thanks for the memories! Soar high dear family friend!*

*To the families of Jim May all your favorite stories of Jim be of comfort to you at this sad time. Hugs! Love you all!  
Mary Oman and Duane Hongisto*

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**MO** - December 08, 2020 at 10:16 PM

CD

“ Karen, Brandy, Cole and family, Sending all our love at this sad time. Hugs and prayers. ❤️❤️ Chris and Cliff Desalvo

Chris and Cliff Desalvo - December 08, 2020 at 09:18 PM

GB

“ Karen, Janice, Lynn, Sue and the rest of the Cousineau family-Our family sends our sincere sympathies to all of you. Jim was our neighbor and fellow farmer. I don't know too many people so full of life and he was a joy to be around. We were all blessed to have him on this earth for so many years. He will be missed but his memory will live on. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dick Bauer, Gale & Milt Brinkman and Janet and Bob Green.

Gale B Brinkman - December 08, 2020 at 05:41 PM

LN

“ Will miss your smile! RIP Jim.

Bill and Laura Neson



Laura Nelson - December 08, 2020 at 05:40 PM

Joanne Bougie

“ Jim was a hell of a guy. He had a lot of fun with the Bougie family especially his son -in-law Dan Bougie. Karen and family sorry for your loss of your father. from Don and Joanne Bougie

Joanne Bougie - December 08, 2020 at 04:37 PM