



James Lee Kersting

June 28, 1950 - April 4, 2022

James “Jim” Kersting, 71, of Kingsford passed away on April 4, 2022. Born June 28, 1950, to Myron and Blanche Kersting in Sioux City, Iowa. His father was in the Air Force for 24 years and as a result James attended schools in many locations including: Georgia, Texas, Iowa, Okinawa, and Michigan. He graduated from Oakland University in Rochester, MI, and worked for 37 years as a Perfusionist in open heart surgery in Michigan, Minnesota, Idaho, Montana, Wisconsin, and Newfoundland, in addition to teaching and lecturing throughout the United States.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Emily (Gideon) Ladd, and a brother, Gary Kersting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, John and Elizabeth Kersting and Clemens and Catherine Beierman; and an infant brother, Terry Lynn Kersting.

Jim was highly regarded in his profession for his kind and compassionate care. He enjoyed playing guitar, skiing and bird watching. He suffered two strokes in 2008 and 2009 in addition to having brain surgery because of the strokes. Following his strokes, he returned to Michigan where he resided at Evergreen Independent Living until his death.

Due to his wishes, private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers,

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to benefit the St. Labre Indian School in Montana. https://www.stlabre.org/brighterfutures/?utm_campaign=slis_evergreen&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIw4H534H99gIV4GxvBB1FvweJEAAYASAAEgLAMvD_BwE.

Condolences to the family of James Kersting may be expressed online at www.ernnashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Emily and Family,

So sad. I have good memories of Jim. His gentle approach to others, his wit, I remember especially how he wrote letters to my mom for many years, I think almost until her death.

Thinking of you and Jim.

Love Aunt Vicki

Victoria Luyendyk - April 10, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JB

“ Dear Emily and family,

We were so sorry to hear this news. Please know you have been in our thoughts and prayers. We wish you strength and peace during this difficult time.

Much love,

Jessica, Mike, and Jaylen

Jessica Baker - April 08, 2022 at 05:56 PM

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“ *My sincere apologies for the loss of your father to you and your family, Emily. It is never easy for the ones left behind. But know he is in a better place. Nancy M.*

Nancy - April 05, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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God bless Jim and his entire family. I miss his thoughtful conversation, perfusion expertise, his Yooper attitude, and his outdoor spirit.

John C.

John Covert - December 27, 2023 at 06:17 PM