



James Louie Owens Jr.

December 4, 1941 - August 30, 2022

James Louie Owens, Jr., of Gwinn was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on August 30, 2022, at the age of 80. Jim was born to James Louie Owens, Sr., and Margaret Thomas Owens on December 4, 1941, in Salisbury, North Carolina. He grew up in Landis, North Carolina, and worked as a tire recapper at his dad's tire business during his teen years. After graduating from Landis High School in 1960, he enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed at K1 Sawyer AFB. He served for over 3 1/2 years, then worked in Civil Service as an Inventory Management Specialist and Material Facilities Supervisor until retiring in 1995.

Jim greatly enjoyed bowling and golfing. He bowled a perfect 300 game and got a hole-in-one on the 4th hole at the Red Fox Run Golf Course ("You never forget your hole-in-one!"). He also enjoyed fishing and deer hunting.

No week was complete without a trip to Marquette to eat at The Villa Capri.

At the age of 80, Jim made the most important decision of his life — he asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. He spent his last days peaceful and content, knowing he was greatly loved and at peace with God.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brothers, Mike and William.

Surviving are his two daughters, Laura (Matt) Rose of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Julie (Reid) Miller of Stillwater, Minnesota; seven grandchildren who called him "Poppa O," Ashley (Tim) Lawrence, TJ Miller, Matthew Rose, Jr., Jake Miller, Austin Rose, Danielle Miller and Alyssa Rose; three great-grandchildren, Olivia, Jackson and Jett Lawrence; a sister, Melissa (Richie) Sutton; a sister-in-law, Patricia Owens, his cousin, Billie Sue Bollinger (who was like a sister); as well as several aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of James Louie Owens, Jr., online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jim in March of 1968 when I first arrived as an airman at K I Sawyer and worked with him for 4 years and knew him well. We played pinochle every lunch time. We moved back to the U.P in 1975. I did get to see Jim at the Country Village theater numerous times over the years. He was great guy, funny and when it came to work, he took his job seriously. I was saddened to see his passing.
Paul Wolfson, Negaunee MI

Paul Wolfson, Retired RE Broker - September 05, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ Dear family, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Always a smile on his face. Glad he found the lord and will be greeted with open arms. I am sure this brings comfort to all.

Kathy Akerley - September 03, 2022 at 10:25 AM