



Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein

March 19, 1940 - February 26, 2025

Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein, 84, of Vulcan followed his wife Home on Feb. 26, 2025, from St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Jim was born on March 19, 1940, in Grand Rapids, MI, son of the late Gerard and Mary Lou (Huxoll) Ritzenhein. He graduated from Sparta High School in 1958. After graduation Jim enlisted with the Naval Reserve, serving 3 years before being medically discharged. In 1959 Jim met Judy Robinson on a blind date. They fell in love and on Aug. 19, 1961, were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ewart, MI. Jim worked as an electrician for most of his life including as an electrical supervisor for M.J. Electric until his retirement in 1999. He was a wonderful husband, father, and devoted member of St. Barbara Catholic Church. Jim volunteered on the school board and as a firefighter when living in Rapid River while raising his family. Jim also held memberships with the Elks Club, Local IBEW, Marbles Knife Club and the KofC. An avid outdoorsman, Jim loved hunting, fishing, and in earlier years scuba diving.

Jim will be deeply missed by his 4 children, Chris Ritzenhein Sr., Andy (Kristine) Ritzenhein, Ann Walker, and Katie (Tom) Johnson; 10 grandchildren, Jason Ritzenhein, Chris Jr. (Emilia) Ritzenhein, Jimmy Ritzenhein, Marlow Ritzenhein, Levi Ritzenhein, Morgan (Kody) Sebo, Erin (Jamie) Hudson, Shana (Joey) D'Ambrosio, Courtney (Jeremy) Schachter, Anthony Newman; 6

great-grandchildren, Alexia Ritzenhein, Adelina Ritzenhein, Alyana Ritzenhein, Augustine Ritzenhein, Evelyn Sebo, and Ayden Sebo; 6 siblings, Pat (Ron) Umlor, Virginia Flannigan, Mary Ritzenhein, Peggy (Mike) Bitely, Jerry (Marcia) Ritzenhein, and Barb (Randy) Johnson; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Jim is preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Annmarie Hytinen and Abraham Ritzenhein; 2 siblings, Joan (Don) Fitzpatrick and Janine Mourer; and two brother-in-laws, Don Fitzpatrick and Ron Umlor.

Jim's family would like to thank the caring staff at both HSHS St. Vincent Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital for their excellent care and for making it possible for Jim and Judy to be together during her last moments.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, with evening services starting at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at St. Barbara Catholic Church, 159 Mission St. in Vulcan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025, followed by a Rosary service at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Martin Flynn will be officiating the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

MAR 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Barabara Catholic Church
159 Mission St.
Vulcan, MI 49892

Rosary

MAR 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein.*



March 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein.

March 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences from the Jim and Lucy Sell family. We have fond memories of Jim and Judy sharing their experiences of winter time at Rockport and the Texas coast with us newcomers. They were life long friends with our parents, Jim and Lucy Sell.*



Jim Sell - March 05, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Sarah, Christy, and Patrick Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein.

Sarah, Christy, and Patrick Robinson - March 05, 2025 at 10:08 AM

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“ Gregory C. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi
phyllum for the family of Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein.



Gregory C. - March 04, 2025 at 08:18 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting both Jim and Judy, and would see
them from time to time over the years at family events. No matter
the chaos of the room, I would always see them together, checking
in on one another. Even now, it seems they just couldn't stand to be
apart. My condolences to the entire Ritzenhein family for this
unfathomable loss. May you find solace and comfort in all your
wonderful memories together.

Lu Diamond - March 04, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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“ Mary Jo Trepanier lit a candle in memory of
Jim "Ritz" Ritzenhein



Mary Jo Trepanier - March 04, 2025 at 10:02 AM