



James Richard Reichenberger

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James R. Reichenberger, age 64, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. He was born to the late Ralph and Emmy (Pertmer) Reichenberger on January 28, 1959. Jim attended school in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh West High School. He went to college at UW Oshkosh and UW Stout where he earned a Bachelors degree in Science and Education, and a Master's degree in English. Jim worked as an English teacher at the High School level at various locations throughout Wisconsin. In addition, he taught English as a Second language in Japan for a year. In more recent years he tutored college students at UW Stevens Point. In his younger years he worked for the Oshkosh Recreation Department as a playground and ice rink director. Jim thrived as a leader and teacher, at his happiest when helping his students learn and grow. Jim was a talented guitarist and songwriter, playing in bands through the mid 70's, 80's, and into the 90's. He recorded music with his bands, The The's, The Housebreakers, and Second Childhood, the latter gaining an enthusiastic following in the Fox Valley, Madison, and Milwaukee. He will remain vibrant in our individual and collective memories...his character, his intelligence, generosity, sense of humor, and love of English Literature, music, and all forms of art ... he saw the relationship of literature and poetry of the past, as informing his own creative writing. He enjoyed reading, nature, gardening, and animals. He loved dogs and took in strays and made them his pets. Jim loved his family and enjoyed correspondence through cards and letters.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Ralph, mother Emmy, sister Carol, and stepmother Mary Jo. He is survived by his brothers David and Jeff (Julie), nephews Kale, Aaron, and Eli Reichenberger, nieces Allison McLeod and Emmy Reichenberger, and stepbrothers Mike and Mark (Chris) Troutd.

A visitation will be held on May 26th at 10am with service to follow at 11am at Fiss and Bills Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Av.






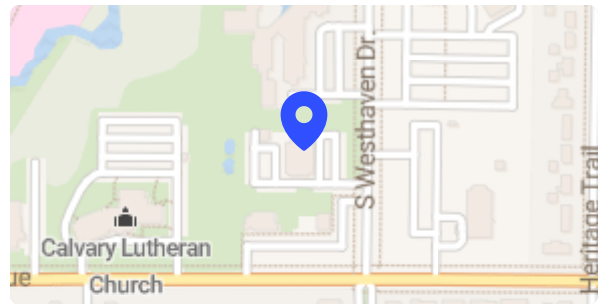
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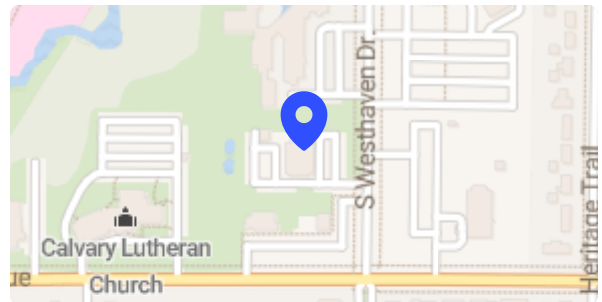
Visitation

-  **Friday, May 26, 2023**
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home**
865 S. Westhaven Dr., Oshkosh WI 54904



Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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Pam Andrews shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



What sorrowful news. Jimmy was a rare and special person. The impact on the lives he touched is his legacy. We stumbled through our teen years together: we went to our first high school dance together; he was my first kiss; he introduced me to the music and magic of Neil Young; he taught me the concept of truly trying to live a life of intentional kindness, including vegetarianism; he loved his friends deeply and shared his feelings openly. We spent endless hours listening to music, from loud, crazy guitar solos to the soft ballads of James Taylor. We laughed, cried, danced, talked and listened. We wore our tattered Neil Young t-shirts with pride. He was forever curious, generous and sincere. He will always own a piece of my heart. Wherever his soul is now, I am certain there is dancing involved. Godspeed my dear, sweet friend. Rock on. Pam Andrews

May 7 at 12:18 PM



Colleen Jones-Turner shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I knew Jim from drama club, he was so kind, inclusive, supportive and hilarious AF. Jim made HS so much more fun, we used to secretly listen to Hot Tuna albums in the library when we were supposed to be doing research. We also used to hang out and watch our brothers during their football practice and just talk about intense HS life shit. Jim sold me his beautiful, beloved, all blonde Ibanez guitar in 1979, I LOVED that guitar and was always grateful to Jim for trusting me with it. Jim used to send me much appreciated care packages when I was in University, he was always so upbeat and supportive. A true gift of a soul, I will forever lovingly remember Jim, he was/is so pure and full of light. Holding space for you dear friend, you were/are the best, thanks so much for enriching my life and memories. Peace to you and all who love you. Colleen Jones

May 7 at 11:04 AM



Wendy Ellison posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know James except through Mary Jo and Mike. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time. Wendy Ellison

May 6 at 9:16 AM



Jeffrey Shulfer May 26 at 7:56 AM

I am very upset I could not get there in person. My ride didn't get adequate notice. I will always think of James each time I go towards the Kwik Trip in Point he liked me to shop at. He was smart, quick-witted and enjoyed telling and hearing a good joke. He gave of himself as much as I gave of myself to help him out any way I could. His gift of book about fishes I will always cherish.



Media

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Jim being all serious as he listens to the conversation.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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