



# James Ralph Esposito

APR 30, 1956 - JAN 3, 2024



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**J**ames Ralph Esposito left us on January 3, 2024, after a short battle with lung cancer.

James, Jim Bob, Vinnie, or dad, as I called him, fought so hard to his last minute, it would be wrong to say that he lost his battle. James left us knowing our lord and savior Jesus a Christ. In him we will find rest.

He was determined to stay with his children, and grandchildren, remained positive – more positive than I could ever have asked him to be. Dad showed resilience and showed us and all those around what strength really is. Though he is no longer here, he remains forever in our hearts. If I asked dad's loved ones how they would remember him, the top answers would be loving, loyal and he **MAKES THE BEST MEATBALLS**. Others knew him as a wise human, he was, simply put, a well-rounded human and a natural storyteller. He told stories like no one else. I knew dad as many people rolled into one. He was incredible, he would get me any pet I asked for and he never let me down.

After he was hospitalized, dad kept his love for life, and even during his last days, he had enough energy to still try and paint my house. We all got to watch the bears game (**THEY WON**). James leaves behind his wife Mary, his children Bridget (NaDaniel) Jones, Nick (Carrin) Esposito, Tonya (Chadd) Huisman. Grandkids: Brenton, Aspen, Camden, Emma, Bella, Taylor & Hailey. Siblings: Robin (Ron) Gayhart, Patty (Bill) Yeager, Doug (Jessica) Esposito. Partner Karen Haman

Psalm 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

John 16:22

Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.



## Obituary

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Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Family and friends may gather on Friday, January 12 2024, at River Valley Church, 1331 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901 from 9:00am to 11:00 am with a service to starting at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund is being established.



# Events

**James Ralph Esposito**

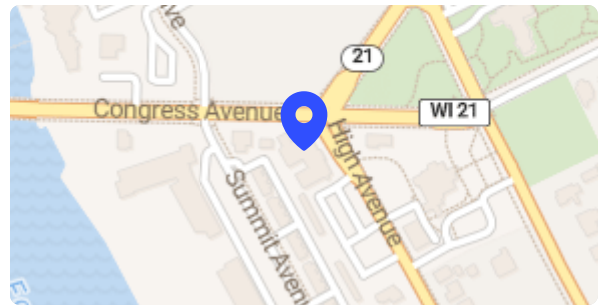
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## Visitation

**Friday**, January 12, 2024

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM cst

**River Valley Church**  
1331 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901, Oshkosh WI 54901

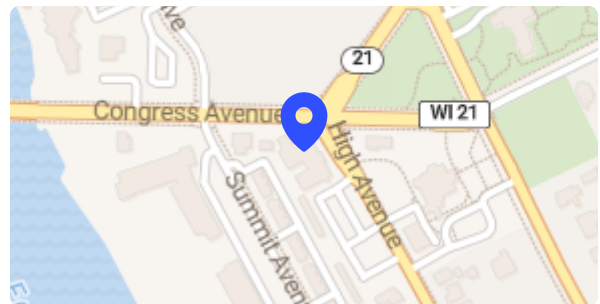


## Service

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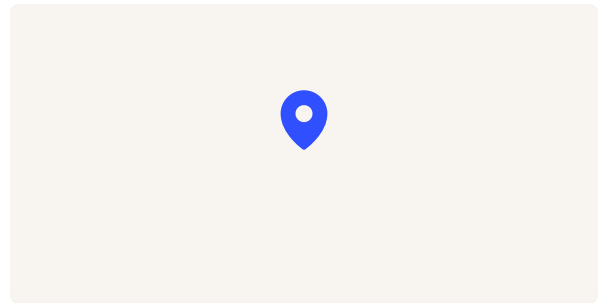
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## Cemetery Details

**Riverside**  
WI





## Tribute Wall

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JM

**Jer Mederich** posted:

For Jamie, Although we haven't touched base for quite a long time as people are living their lives, you and I had a very special and close relationship growing up, spent lots of fun times together with you and your family, you were always there for others, very quick to help in any situation, Funny and fun to be with we had some great times together and I believe we will see each other again and that will be even better. Your brother in Christ. Jer.

January 10 at 10:04 AM

LA

**Lisa And Oscar Aguilar** posted:

Jamie, Oscar and I miss you so much! Remembering all the good times we had together. Cookouts, football games, bonfires, sleepovers, weddings, and just visiting because we wanted to and loved too! We sure are going to miss you! Not to mention your famous meatballs, pizza, and baklava which were the best! It's not at all going to be the same going up north without seeing you there. We had so many good times and memories. You helped us move and we all lived together for awhile which Oscar and I will cherish. You were like a brother always looking out for us and always willing to help in anyway. RIP Jamie! We love you Dearly ❤️🥺❤️

January 9 at 12:37 PM

KE

**Karen Erjavec** posted:

Jamie, when we lose someone we love, the love and memories of them stay in our heart's forever. My memories of you make me smile and at times I laugh out loud, I don't know if you realized how funny you could be. Al your add lib jokes, your sense of humor, laughing a lot, your vitality was contagious. Your embrace for life with such enthusiasm, making a difference to most people in your own unique way. Your passion for people with love, caring, thoughtfulness, always lending a helping hand to those in need. Your resilient spirit even in the face of adversity was admirable. You had an optimistic outlook on life and the ability to see good in everything and everyone. I believe you were wise beyond your years and you were so humble that you never took notice. I believe you always had a God like heart and soul, I am sure of it. You were a light always in my life, and the love, care, compassion you gave will shine forever, and we will live with the love you left behind. May The Lords perpetual light shine upon you. Love aunt Karen ♥️🥺🙏🏻✝️

January 7 at 12:26 PM

RG

**Robin Gayhart** January 7 at 12:24 PM

Beautiful Aunt Karen ❤️



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**Karen Haman** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My dear Jamie.....no words can express how much I love and miss you. Our home, and my heart feel so empty. I will cherish all years we spent together. You were the man I loved, and leaned on when I needed support. You shared your life and your family with me, and I am so grateful for that. We had a lot of laughs and good times. May you RIP...🙏. Until we meet again, know you're always in my heart. ❤️

January 7 at 7:13 AM



**Robin Gayhart** posted:

My Dear Brother Jamie the most un- selfish person I know. He was a very kind hearted, generous and a most thoughtful person. He would always give his help to anyone that needed it at any time. He loved to paint, drywall and landscape. He would not hesitate to offer his help to anyone that needed their house repaired or remodeled or whatever they needed help with. He loved all kinds of animals and you sure could tell that they loved him back just as much. Sometimes I would call Jamie just because I knew he would brighten up my day. He was funny and would make you laugh. He was a wonderful loving person and I will miss him with all my heart. I know Heaven gained a wonderful angel!!! Love you Jamie ❤️

January 7 at 3:11 AM

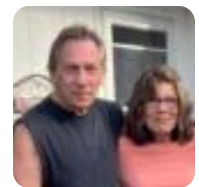


**Deborah Lamont Anderson** January 14 at 1:00 PM

Hi Robin. This is your cousin Debbie Lamont. I remember both you and Jamie fondly. He was a character, funny, witty and always caring. I wish that I was there later in life sharing some of those memories. I miss my cousins. Just know that you are loved and missed by the Lamont family



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January 7 at 2:59 AM



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We'll miss you Uncle Jamie!! These are things that I remember about you: you are the most kind person and would literally give someone the shirt off your back if they didn't have one. You never judged people. You love Elvis, told funny stories, served our country, and taught us kids to paint, do electrical, and install a toilet. You showed up when I needed help moving. You loved nice cars and doing lawn care. You taught me how to make meatballs! You love the Bears. You were selfless and such a hard worker. Vinny "always had a guy"! That shows you were trustworthy and well-liked and made friends anywhere you went. I think what I will miss the most is that you made everyone feel important and would drop anything to lend a helping hand or say a kind word of encouragement. Until we meet again, your favorite niece Shannon ❤️❤️❤️

January 5 at 8:46 AM



**Robin Gayhart** January 7 at 3:22 AM

Beautiful!!!



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BJ

**Bridget Esposito-Jones** posted:

Nobody is as lucky as me, to have you as a dad and grandfather to my children. You were the best human, nicest person and the biggest giver. I love you forever. Last but not least I finally made better meatballs than you.

January 5 at 6:43 AM

RO

**Robert** January 7 at 5:30 AM

The .an had a Heart of Gold.

PC

**Paula Cummings 1St Cousin** January 6 at 8:15 PM

I have not seen or talked to cousin Jamie in a long time. But I do remember him with love. He was always sweet and kind. Would do anything for anybody. He made me laugh a lot. I always loved him and did think of him randomly over the years. What a wonderful person. It's very sad that family loses touch. Thats such a shame. I feel very guilty of not staying in touch with all my cousins whom I have great memories of and love for. I am so sorry for your loss Robin, Patty, Doug. For his children and partner my very sincere condolences. Nothing I can say really helps but just know he was loved very much. He was a good person with a big heart! I am so very sorry.

CS

**Carol Schacht** January 6 at 12:07 PM

Sincere love and sorrow for your brother and to his other family members, who I was not recently acquainted with. He will be missed! Love, Jim and Carol Schacht (cousins).

DO

**Dorothy** January 5 at 7:55 AM

I saw you the day you were born Loved you always Jamie , Jame , Jamebo . From the very beginning you were the most considerate and giving child and man. Always looking for ways to help and protect. You embodied theNot often seen anymore quality of "Chivalry" , empathy and compassion.I will miss you dear loyal friend and beloved cousin. I treasure all the fun times with you hunting for treasures, and chats over coffee, making meatballs with you , and so many other adventures.I watched and listened as you shared how much you loved your children and grandchildren and family . I am sure Elvis greeted you with a warm hello ! I am sure missing you Jamie ♥



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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