



James H. Arkebauer

March 6, 1943 - May 29, 2015

Dodgeville - James Harry Arkebauer, age 72, of Dodgeville, lost his battle against pancreatic cancer May 29, 2015.

He was born to the late Harry and Lucille Arkebauer, March 6, 1943, in Newman, IL. He married Karen Kuhlman Arkebauer on January 2, 1999, and they lived in Gurnee, IL for several years before pursuing their dreams in Dodgeville, WI. Jim retired from a long and loved career from Robert W. Baird in February 2007 where he worked in municipal bond trading and underwriting.

Jim is survived by his wife Karen Arkebauer, his sister Judie Arkebauer Laughter, and his three daughters from his first marriage: Amanda McCumber (Neil), Heidi Peters (Cory), and Heather Vora (Harit). He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Ruby McCumber, Reese Peters, Lilah Peters, Cleo McCumber, Olivia Vora, Jude Peters, Eleanor Peters, and Caroline Vora.

A lifetime conservationist and nature enthusiast, Jim took great pride in turning a neglected farm into a beautiful sanctuary and being a gentleman farmer. He was the perfect carriage driving partner to Karen and their pony, Dash. Jim was also an active member of Pheasants Forever. He was a proud member of the NRA and enjoyed introducing people to gun safety. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and politics. Jim loved to tell stories about his youth, pole vaulting, playing the trombone, helping build the foundation to the Saint Louis Arch, and singing with the Saint Louis Municipal Opera. He was proud that all three of his daughters were phenomenal mothers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Carbone Cancer Center by phone (608-263-2746), by mail (Carbone Cancer Center, Development, 600 Highland Ave K4/658, Madison, WI 53792) or online (uwhealth.org/cancerdonation) or Agrace Hospice by mail (5395 E Cheryl Pkwy Madison, WI 53711).

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ James H. Arkebauer

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ I knew Jim during his time at Baird. He had a great spirit and love of life. I smile just thinking of him. What a loss for his family and friends. May your many fond memories sustain you at this difficult time and may Jim rest in peace.

Julie Ebert - April 28, 2018 at 01:09 AM



“ i moved to chicago in 1986 soon thereafter due to someone being out at my office talked to jim for the first time and we hit it off. he asked for me to replace the broker who had been covering him and the rest was a long professional relationship i will cherish for the rest of my life. my nephew is getting married in october in wisconsin i got the invite saturday and was thinking i got to call jim and get out to the farm on this trip. he must have been on my shoulder when i was thinking of him. james was always a pleasure to talk to as a customer. he always had a good word when you called him. i remember stories of the farm in southern ill and the opera in saint louis. my favorite jim story revolved one of the girls. jim got called into school because one of his girls had a disciplinary problem. i asked him the next day what happened. he said it was pretty simple they brought me in to the school told me the story (apparently she had called the bus driver an @#\$\$ hole) and i said what did you need me here for ? i agree with her completely the bus driver was a complete total @#\$\$% hole. that was the jim arkebauer i loved to hear at the other end of the phone. as i changed jobs i always stayed in touch. both of us leaned to the conservative side of things politically. jim used to cackle when he would tell me of the federal money available to him for owning a farm. it is such a shame he did not get the years he planned to enjoy the farm. i have not had the pleasure of meeting any of you in jim's family; i was at the house by the river at 12 am once with jim in the 1980's. i would like you all to know he spoke so highly of all of you. he loved his daughters and you knew it when he talked about them. i will miss him so much. my thoughts and prayers are with all of you; we all know he is in a better place. joe dennehy

joseph p dennehy - April 28, 2018 at 01:09 AM



“ Karen, I am so very sorry to hear about your husband. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.

Kim Cain - April 28, 2018 at 01:09 AM

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“ *Jim will be forever with us, he will smile upon us at our horse events and drive with you Karen.....always.....hugs*
Sheri H

Sheri Haviza - April 28, 2018 at 01:09 AM