



James R. Franzen

November 12, 1931 - April 7, 2013

James Robert Franzen, age 81, of Dodgeville, passed away on April 7, 2013 at his home in the loving embrace of his family.

Jim was born in Red Oak township Highland, WI to James L. and Viola (Delkamp) Franzen on November 12, 1931. He was a 1949 graduate of Highland High School and then attended Platteville University for a short period. He returned to Highland marrying Alice (Doyle) on October 30, 1954 at St. Phillips Catholic Church. Jim was employed at the Oconomowoc Canning Company in Cobb as a foreman. In 1963, he began a 26 year career with Dick's Supermarket, Platteville as Manager. In 1968, Dick Brodbeck purchased the Abdoo grocery store on Main Street in Dodgeville, asking Jim to move his family to Dodgeville and act as Manager. Jim remained as Manager until 1989 at which time he joined his son at Franzen Motors. He enjoyed working side by side with his son, Dan. He retired in 1997.

Jim was very active in all aspects of his community. He was a volunteer coach for many of his son's little league baseball and basketball teams. He was also active in the Boy Scouts acting as a Den Leader. He was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he served on the St. Joseph's Parish Council and in the Knights of Columbus of which he was named a lifetime member in 2009. He was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He was very proud to be a 4th Degree and the many activities associated with the Knights. It saddened him to step back due to declining health. Jim's civic duties ran deep. He was a member of the Dodgeville Fire Department, Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, in which he served as President, and was also named Lion of the Year for leadership and dedication. Through his employer's sponsorship, he was an avid supporter of the Dodgeville Home Talent Baseball Team.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Alice; his children, Jackie (Dennis) LeCaptain, of Janesville, Ann (Ed) Willie, of Dodgeville, Terri (Michael) Lee, of Darlington, Patrick (Lisa) Franzen, of Middleton, and Dan Franzen, of Fall River; seven grandchildren, Amy (Charlie) Altenbach, of Chicago, Melissa (Michael) Sheppard, of Mequon, Patrick (Katie)

Lee, of Wauwatosa, Brady (Amber) Lee, of Dubuque, Nick (Katie) Willie, of Dodgeville, Erin (Cody) Willie, of Platteville and Alexandra Franzen, of Middleton; three step-grandchildren, Kyle, Kailey and Colleen LeCaptain; seven great-grandchildren, Brenna & Charlie Altenbach, Davis & Diana Sheppard, LaKota Klein, Aurora Willie, & Mason Michael Lee due on April 22; his sister, Janet (Wesley) Gratz, Highland. He is further survived by his in-laws, Eileen Penasa, Ruth (David) McNeill, Jack Doyle, Nancy Doyle, and Judy (Jim) Myers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law, Steve and Mary Doyle, his brothers and sisters-in-law; Peter Penasa, Ann Doyle, Kenneth and Kathy Doyle, Patrick Doyle, Earl and Joyce Fecht and other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Father Patrick Wendler will officiate. Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Friday at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Burial will be held at St. Philip's Catholic Cemetery in Highland. A luncheon will follow at Ss. Phillip/Anthony Parish Center in Highland.

We wish to thank the Upland Hills Hospice team especially Amber.

Those who live no more, whom we loved, echo still within our thoughts, our words, our hearts. We love you Dad.

Tribute Wall



“ James R. Franzen

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *alice and family so sorry to hear about jim passing we have known you guys for years ann and I,use to hang around together plus I,know terry ,Jackie plus the boys danny, pat , our thoughts and prayers are with you he was a good man he will be missed , I,always seen him on the deck he would say hello kris , he is in heaven and no more pain hes healed , my thoughts and prayers are withyou all as you deal with this hard time. jim and alice are great neighbors to live by your dad was always humouris , sorry I,wont be able to make it Friday as I,have to work but ill bring over something to the house for you all, love your friends at 502east north street Dodgeville wisc the bob dreger family,*

ROBERT AND KRISTINEDREGER AND FAMILY, - April 28, 2018 at 02:24 AM



Thank you Robert for your kinds words. Mom and Dad always spoke very highly of you and your family. Thank you for being so very kind to my parents.

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:33 AM



“ *Pat, Lisa, and Franzen Family,My condolences to you for the passing of Jim. May all the good times be remembered to help ease the sadness.*

Verl Wagner - April 28, 2018 at 02:24 AM



Thanks Kevin. Dad always liked the way you played Basketball. Dad witnessed you and I team-up to win over 60 games together as team mates.. Your brother Larry, your mom and my parents were at most all of these games at home. Thanks again brother, those were great days. Basketball was one of dad's real joys in life as you helped contribute to dad's memories via your play.

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:32 AM

DP

“ To the Franzens, Very sorry for your loss of Jim. I worked for Jim many years ago, his hardwork and love of family impressed me the most. Thru the years people grow apart in their lives but when I'd see Jim on the street or in the car we'd chat he was a very special man one I admired alot. He was a wonderfull boss ,dedicated and fun loving willing to help in any way. I know its hard to say good bye, but our lives are much better for having to have known Jim Franzen...

Dick Poad - April 28, 2018 at 02:24 AM

PF

Thanks Dick for the kind words. I remember when you worked at the store. Dad really respected you for "your" excellent contributions to the success of Dick's Supermarket in Dodgeville. Take Care and God Bless you!!

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:27 AM

BK

“ To Alice & family,
Jim was a fantastic cousin and a great friend. He had a lot to do with making sure I had plenty of hours working summers at the canning factory. He did the same for me when he took the job with Dick's in Platteville and saw to it that I became an employee there also. I thank him for making it financially possible for me to get through college without going in debt. We will miss this great man and his keen sense of humor. God Bless and take care of the Franzen Family.

Bob Kratochwill - April 28, 2018 at 02:24 AM

KK

“ It was great working with jim for insurance for franzen motors.

Our sympathy to the family.

Kandace Keuler

Kandace Keuler - April 28, 2018 at 02:24 AM

PF

Thank you very much Kandace for you kind words. God Bless you and your family.

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:34 AM



“ My mom and I offer our condolences to Jim's family. Jim and Dan did a great job in planning and building our old house on Bea Ann Drive in Dodgeville. You will be greatly missed by all.

April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

Thank you and God Bless You.

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:35 AM

PF

I think of you and mom every day and wish we were together. I know the life you lived and your fast track to Heaven was at Bullet Speed for all the great and caring things you did for people. "The service to others is the rent we pay for our room in heaven. I want a room next to you and mom. I will see you soon."

Patrick Franzen - May 11, 2023 at 12:41 AM