



## James J. Ruppert

October 6, 1941 - February 8, 2014

Dodgeville – James Joseph Ruppert, age 72, of Dodgeville, died on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab Center in Dodgeville.

Jim was born on October 6, 1941 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dodgeville, a son of the late Joseph and Kathryn (Balk) Ruppert. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1959. He worked as a carpenter since 1962, working for Loy Construction (17 yrs.), Cobb Lumber Co. (10 yrs.), Singer Lumber Co. (12 yrs.) and was self-employed until his illness forced him to retire.

Jim loved woodworking and cabinet making. He also enjoyed charity work, running and walking. He was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where he worked closely on many projects with John Aschliman and Ray Gleisner.

Jim is survived by his siblings, David (Pat) Ruppert, of Elmhurst, IL, Shirley (John) Ring, of Madison, Mary Ruppert, of Madison, Richard (Diane) Ruppert, of Mineral Point and Mark (Connie) Ruppert, of Hudson, WI; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Nancy Ruppert.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday,

February 12, 2014 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Fr. Patrick Wendler will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville, where a Knights of Columbus rosary service will be held at 8:00 p.m. Friends may also call from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Wednesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to St. Joseph's School Trust Fund or St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank the staff at Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab Center, Upland Hills Hospice and St. Mary's Hospital for their loving care of Jim.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James J. Ruppert*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I was a classmate of Jim's in High School, I and my wife the former Diana Rikli visited with him a few years ago about attending a class reunion. I and Jim being boys raised on farms had that in common. We were in FFA together. Nice memories of Jim.*

**Leslie Williams** - April 28, 2018 at 02:10 AM



“ *He gave me my first job at 10 years old, mowing his lawn. He'd pay me up front at the start of the summer and I would mow his lawn. One summer he somehow shot himself in the leg with a nail gun. So I'd help him carry in groceries and other stuff besides mowing the lawn. That following winter, about two days before Christmas he picked me up took me to Hardees for lunch and then took me to Wal-Mart and said, "pick out anything you want!" I picked out a few lego sets and some Spiderman action figures (I was 11). He was always a great guy to just talk to, never yelled at me when I would make a mistake, just talked to me like an adult. Great man!*

**Nathan Weier** - April 28, 2018 at 02:10 AM



“ *Jim was a good friend that helped me get through one of the most difficult times in my life. I will miss him and think of him often.*

**mike bricco** - April 28, 2018 at 02:10 AM

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“ I've known Jim for well over 20 years. You could always count on Jim 100 percent. His woodworking skill was and is on display and he was very talented. He was a careful planner and it is too bad that he did not get a chance to enjoy the retirement that he had prepared for. Dodgeville has lost a good citizen.

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**Hatheway Brooks** - April 28, 2018 at 02:10 AM