



James Schaaf

January 4, 1935 - March 12, 2017

Brookfield / Mineral Point – James Schaaf, age 82, of Brookfield, formerly of Mineral Point, passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2017 due to complications of COPD and cancer. He was the 5th child of Josephine and Matt Schaaf, of Mineral Point, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents, his 3 brothers, Harold, Robert (Margie), Bernard (Jane) and his sister Margaret (Keith) Kummer.

Jim attended St Mary's Catholic School, Mineral Point High School and Madison Business College, where he studied accounting and chef's course at Madison Vocational School.

Upon Jim's return to civilian life after serving in the Army in the Korean War, he attended what is now the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. He later joined the Marcus Corporation when they were developing Big Boy restaurants, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Captain Steak Joints, etc. He married and lived in Brookfield, WI for approximately 35 years. He later owned a small company called Pasch Brothers Shipping Room Supplies. He dabbled in real estate, one of locations called the "The Dugout" in Lannon, WI being his favorite. He owned the Dugout for over 35 years. Jim loved the casino life, making dozens and dozens of trips to Las Vegas, NV, the casinos at Tunica, MS and the casinos around the Gulf of Mexico. Another of his favorites was the Diamond Joe casino in Dubuque, IA. He claimed that with all his gambling,

to have had one humongous, humongous win and that is when he won the prize of his life. The prize has paid huge dividends daily for over 50 years and that prize being his wife, Diane.

Jim is survived by his wife of 54 years Diane "age 39", and by his beloved son Nicholas.

Upon retirement he and Diane spent their time between their 2 condos in Pewaukee, WI and Gulf Shores, AL.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, 224 Davis Street, Mineral Point. Fr. Jim Leaser will officiate. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Wednesday at the church. Private Graveside with Military Honors will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Schaaf*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *My Uncle Jimmy was the most cheerful, fun loving Uncle that anyone could ever ask for. It was always like Christmas when he visited us on the farm when we were children. Not that it involved presents, (candy yes), but because he was so special and, he treated each of us so special. I cherish all of the years we had with him and will be forever grateful to have had him as my uncle. Rest in peace, Uncle Jimmy. Love you always,Cheri*

Cheri Nieto - April 28, 2018 at 01:26 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories of uncle Jimmy was of course around gambling. The last time I was at his house in Pewaukee WI we were having a discussion about throwing the dice playing craps. I was saying I never throw the dice because my luck isn't very good. Uncle Jimmy says "nope that's not it, you're holding the dice wrong". He went and got a pair of dice and had me sit on the ground with him and he showed me how to set the dice in my hand before I let them go. We sat there for some time bouncing the dice off the wall, resetting and bouncing them back off the wall again.*

Pamela Hamlet - April 28, 2018 at 01:26 AM