



## James F. Goetz

November 2, 1930 - December 5, 2017

James Forest Goetz passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 at the age of 87 at the VA facility at King, WI. He was born on Nov. 2, 1930 in Rice Lake, WI to William and Elsie (Wallin) Goetz. He attended schools in Stevens Point graduating from P. J. Jacobs Sr. High School in 1948. He attended Central State Teachers College, now the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, for two years before enlisting in the military. He served for two years as a U. S. Marine during the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of Sgt. He later returned to college and after completing his degree taught high school in Marshfield for 7 years. He met an elementary teacher there, Nellie Clintsman. They were married in 1959. They moved to Stevens Point later and he was employed as a graphic artist for Business Management Services.

He retired in 1991 and moved to Minocqua, WI, where he perfected his gift of art. He excelled in watercolors and went on to produce many award winning paintings which could be found in many area galleries. For several years he was commissioned to do the Bayfield Apple Festival Posters. His most inspired work included landscapes and water, especially of the Lake Superior area. Jim loved the outdoors and took part in the annual crane count. He had many enjoyable times hunting the elusive grouse, and the mighty buck, with his father William, his brother Bill, and friends. He could also be found on a lake with his sons or grandchildren pursuing wily and elusive fish.

Jim was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Pines, Minocqua, where he served as a confirmation guide. He also served as coordinator of the church's Salvation Army Bell Ringing for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie, four sons, Thomas, Robert (Deb) Richard (Tammy), and James D. (Jackie), seven grand-children, Eric, Victoria, Cody, Gabrielle, Amy, Valdemar and Sydney. He also has three sisters-in-law, and two brothers-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother, aunts, uncles and cousins. All four sons graduated from college, and two went on to earn PhDs.

The family wishes to thank all those who provided special care for him while at the VA Home in King.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Manito Art League Scholarship Fund, The

Salvation Army or the United Methodist Church of the Pines Scholarship Fund.

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Gathering** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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United Methodist Church of the Pines  
415 Chippwa St, Minocqua, WI, US, 54548

**FEB** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James F. Goetz.



February 13, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ To the family of Jim,  
My sincerest condolences on the passing of Jim. I am eternally grateful that I was here at WVHK to say hello and pass on some memories of us growing up to your Dad. He is in a better, pain free place now.  
Sincerely and sadly,  
George Doxtator

**George Doxtator** - December 17, 2017 at 01:30 AM



“ i am Arnold Gilstad's daughter, Susie. My Daddy's Mother was Minn Wallin-Gilstad. Her sister Elsie married a Goetz and they had two sons: Bill and Jim. I had the honor of meeting James a few years ago. He was an exceptional artist and a very nice gentleman. I am so glad that I made his acquaintance. My true sympathy to Nell and the Family. Love to You.

**susan gilstad** - January 04, 2018 at 01:50 PM