



James J. Clay, Jr.

December 20, 1962 - February 21, 2024

James J. Clay, Jr., age 61, of Minocqua, died on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, surrounded by family at home under hospice, after battling pancreatic cancer for a year. He was born on December 20, 1962 in Belvidere, Illinois, the son of James J. and Kaye (nee Boyle) Clay. Jim was a Captain in the Army Nurse Corp., having served in Desert Storm. He was active in the Civil Air Patrol and the Commander of the Eagle River Composite Squadron. Jim was involved with Boy Scouts for over a decade, being an Eagle Scout himself; as well as a den leader, Cub master, Scout Master, Troop Leader and serving on the District Committee. He was a previous accountant and former ER /pediatric nurse, goat farmer, avid collector, book reader, rock hound and cook.

Jim is preceded in death by his father, James; brother, John Clay and uncle, Gary Ball. He is survived by mother, Kaye Abolins; wife, Tracy (nee Roinestad); children, Chancellor, Katherina and Kristiana; sister, Wendy Beimert; brother, Marc (Tracy) Clay; mother-in-law, Judy Roinestad; step mother, June Brinkman; nephews, Marcus, Matthew and Mitchell; nieces, Kaitlyn and Lindsie and his newest furry friend, Alma.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Woodruff, followed by a meal. Interment will be held at a later date at Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family to be placed in a college fund for James' children.

Cemetery Details

Northwoods National Cemetery

Harshaw, WI 54529

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Evangelical Free Church
9035 Blumenstein Road
Woodruff, WI 54568

Tribute Wall

VL

“ I met Jim when we were students in the DU Tax Program. Going back and forth between Denver and Ft. Collins wasn't so bad back then. Jim was a man for whom family and faith were top priorities and he wore his convictions on his sleeve. He was one of those rare down-to-earth souls whose actions spoke more than his words. I'll miss his sense of humor and counsel. Prayers to Tracy and the children for comfort and strength.

Von Limbaugh - March 04, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JN

“ My deepest condolences to Tracy and all of Jim's family and friends. I only had the pleasure of knowing Jim for a brief time, but he definitely made a lasting impact on my life . He fought the hardest fight with grace, and dignity, and a little laughter! Rest in Paradise, Jim!

Jennifer Nielsen - February 28, 2024 at 09:10 AM

LZ

“ I had the pleasure of serving with Jim in Civil Air Patrol the last year or so when he was the Commander of the Eagle River Composite Squadron. He was a gentle, kind and thoughtful leader, and I very much enjoyed working with him.

*My sincere condolences.
Maj. Linda L. Zimmerman
Commander, Northwest Group
Wisconsin Wing*

Linda Zimmerman - February 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CC

“ I had the honor of teaching James in an FAA 107 certificate prep course last summer. He was committed to the goals and values of Civil Air Patrol. He will definitely be missed

Capt Gerald (Gerry) Boire, CAP - February 26, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JM

“ We had the pleasure of being Jim’s clients for the past 20 years. He became a friend as we watched each other’s families grow up and celebrated our kids’ achievements together. He was so very proud of his children. Our deepest condolences to Tracy and the kids. Jim will be greatly missed. Jan & Bill Meier

Janet Meier - February 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

KC

“ Hugs, Love and my sympathies to all of you.



Katherine Clay - February 24, 2024 at 03:32 AM

DG

“ One of my fondest memories was with Jim and Tracy on our trip to Liberia, West Africa. I also so greatly appreciated Jim's advice and love last summer when I was at a low point in my life. Jim is where we all strive to be. My condolences.

Donna Grothousen - February 24, 2024 at 01:34 AM