



James E. Erdman Sr.

November 29, 1957 - December 16, 2025

James “Jim” Erdman Sr. went to be with our Lord and Savior in heaven on December 16, 2025 at the age of 68.

Jim was born on November 29, 1957 to Rev. Leonard and Pauline Erdman in Red Bluff, California. Due to Leonard’s career in the ministry, the family moved around until settling in Wausau, Wisconsin. Jim graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1975. He served in the United States Air Force from 1976 to 1980. Jim spent his career at Wisconsin Public Service as a high voltage electrician and safety trainer until his retirement in 2013.

Jim enjoyed the great outdoors and moved up to the cabin in Woodruff last year. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, carpentry, singing, and especially spending time with his family and friends. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren. Jim was also very proud to be a veteran and was active in many veteran groups including the American Legion, the Man of Honor Society, and Disabled American Veterans.

Jim is survived by his three children, Alicia (Phil) Davister, Alison (Mike) Waldner, and James Erdman Jr., and his five grandchildren, Ella Erdman, Aiden Waldner, Sawyer Waldner, Jack Davister, and Hank Davister. He is also survived by one sister, Mary (Steve) Shuler, three brothers, John (Coleen) Erdman, Tom (Joan) Erdman, and Pete (Lori) Erdman, and many nieces,

nephews, relatives, and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral proceedings will take place on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 164923 County Road Z, Wausau, WI 54403.

Visitation will be held from 9 am to 11 am with the funeral service to follow.

Burial will take place at a national military cemetery at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
164923 County Road Z
Wausau, WI 54403

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Colleen Diepolder lit a candle in memory of James Erdman



Colleen Diepolder - January 02 at 10:13 AM

YF

“ Your Birthing Center Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..



Your Birthing Center Family - January 01 at 07:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..



January 01 at 03:41 PM

LJ

“ Love, Aunt Susan and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Erdman Sr..

Love, Aunt Susan and John - January 01 at 09:13 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..*



January 01 at 09:13 AM



“ *Danille E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Erdman Sr..*

Danille E. - December 30, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..*



December 29, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *James will certainly be missed! His son, James Jr was a friend of my sons during high school and college. We celebrated our graduations together💔 Prayers go out the family.🙏*

Margery Monaghan Wittenberg - December 29, 2025 at 12:31 AM

RS

“ Riesterer & Schnell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..



Riesterer & Schnell - December 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM

TB

“ Jim was so fun to catch up with at family gatherings. Reminiscing about the Erdman family and making new memories. Deepest sympathy to Jim's family. So glad we got to see him in July

Tim and Glenda Beeck - December 23, 2025 at 07:04 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..



December 19, 2025 at 07:12 PM

HC

“ Phone hugs during a trying time.

HCL - December 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM

KM

“ Great guy! Just saw him a two weeks ago at the VA for our Move group that met every two weeks and at our 50th class reunion. He will be missed. Condolences and prayers to your family. Sincerely Kevin McKenna

Kevin McKenna - December 19, 2025 at 12:47 PM

IC

“ In thoughts & prayers, Randy/Kathy Check planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Erdman Sr..

In thoughts & prayers, Randy/Kathy Check - December 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..



December 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

AM

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Amanda - December 19, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MI

“ Michael planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Erdman Sr..

Michael - December 18, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Erdman Sr..*



December 18, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ *We loved Jim! My favorite memory of him was at church softball games and him spoiling my kids and buying them concessions. He was always so jolly and he absolutely adored his kids and grandkids and everyone knew it! He will be missed! - The Duke Family*

Jessica Duke - December 18, 2025 at 02:03 PM