



Dr. James Keuer

May 27, 1928 - June 12, 2019

James Robert Keuer, M.D.
1928 - 2019

James Robert Keuer passed away quietly at his home in Minocqua on June 12, with his loving wife, Jean, at his bedside.

Jim was born to Emma and Walter Keuer in Chicago on May 27, 1928. Being such a kind and empathic young man, his parents hoped he would become a minister; however, Jim chose to serve others in another capacity and began in pre-med education at the University of Illinois. He graduated in 1954 from Chicago Medical School, interned at the Milwaukee County Hospital, and completed his residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wood, Wisconsin. He was a respected surgeon and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Jim married JoAnn Schlegl on June 26, 1954, and they had six children during their 27 years of marriage. As a busy surgeon, Jim's time with his family was precious, and the family could often be found on the ski slopes when Jim had days off. He and JoAnn were very social and had many good friends in the Medford community.

In 1981, Jim moved to Minocqua and joined the Marshfield Clinic. There he married Jean, the love of his life. He adopted Jean's daughter Sarah when she four years old. Jim and Jean built a house on the lake and spent many days boating; in particular, they enjoyed boating to Bosaki's after dinner for hot fudge sundaes.

One cannot talk about Jim's life without acknowledging the impact he had on so many people's lives. He was a highly respected member of the medical community. He was a skilled and dedicated physician, even so far as spending numerous nights in the hospital to ensure his patients received the highest quality of care. He touched their souls, as well as treated their bodies.

Retirement opened up a new world for Jim to enjoy life. He had a lot of fun with his grandchildren, boating, fishing, riding horses at Circle M, visiting Beer Can Island, dinners, and overnight stays. These experiences with his grandchildren opened Jim's heart even wider with his own children, who he adored.

Jim bought "Gertrude", his Ford Model A, in 1986 and participated in many car tours and meeting other car enthusiasts. He and Jean traveled a great deal together throughout their marriage, but more so after retirement. However, their favorite place was to be at home, enjoying a nice glass of wine and having interesting conversations about the human spirit or their shared interest in medicine. They spent many days on the golf course. They loved listening to music in the evening and dancing; they especially enjoyed the many years they attended the Viennese Ball.

He has now joined his parents, Emma and Walter Keuer, sister Betty, sons Paul and Peter, sister-in-law Julie, and many of his special long-time friends. He is survived by his wife Jean, son and daughters: James F. Keuer (Carolann); Janet Lucchesi (Mike); Patty Bates (Mike); Carol Gaab (Pat);

Sarah Keuer (Clarence) and 11 very special grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Bolger Funeral Home, Woodruff Chapel, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel
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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Jean if it weren't for him my mom would not be alive at 94. He did emergency surgery years ago. So sorry for your loss. Dianne Mudgett

Dianne Mudgett - June 30, 2019 at 04:53 PM

JF

“ Jim was not only a great doctor but a great guy. Jim loved to golf but came off the 7th hole at Tee hi to operate on my lawnmower cut off toe. He was a good friend

john Patritto family - June 23, 2019 at 01:36 PM

KW

“ Jean and Sarah: So sorry for your loss. Picturing Scooter in the celestial antique car enthusiasts clubhouse enjoying a laugh with Doc Smith and other absent friends from tours gone by.

Kris Adams Wendt - June 20, 2019 at 12:35 PM

BC

“ Bob,Patty and Colleen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. James Keuer.



Bob,Patty and Colleen - June 14, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James Keuer.*



June 13, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *Jean, Sarah, Max and family: I was so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and wishing you peace during this difficult time. Love, Colleen*

Colleen Truax - June 13, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Dr. Keuer was a huge part of my childhood.. Being so close to Sarah he was like an extra parent. I will never forget when Sarah and I had a Christmas concert in Marshfield clinic where he worked and how proud he was of his daughter! Sending condolences, love and light!*

sarah - June 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM



My sympathies to Jean and family. So enjoyed our morning coffee before we had to go to work. He helped me deal with my dad's death. Such a wonderful man.

Bev Metz - June 16, 2019 at 11:11 AM