



James W Wenzel

January 13, 2018

James (Jim) Wenzel died peacefully on Saturday January 13, 2018 at the age of 100 at Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff, WI with his loving wife, Dorothy, at his side.

Jim served in the US Air Force during WWII as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was a navigator who flew missions on bombers over the rail yards in Japan.

He, with his first wife, Anne, owned and operated Jim's Tavern in East Troy from 1946 to 1969.

Jim was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, golf, and baseball. He was elected to the Land O Lakes Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986. He was also a big fan of the Brewers, Bucks, and Packers.

Jim loved the Northwoods and eventually moved to St. Germain where he enjoyed his last 45 years.

Jim dedicated much of his life to service through the Lions Club. He was a life member of the East Troy Lions Club and a member of the Stevens Point and St. Germain Lion Clubs. He was the District Governor in 1962-63 when the convention was in France and Wisconsin had its first state pin.

Jim was appointed State Secretary of Wisconsin in 1969. He served in that capacity as well as International Staff Representative until his retirement in 1983. During that period, Wisconsin added over 200 new Lions Clubs and grew in membership from 13,000 to 24,000 members.

Jim received many state and district awards as well as Key attendance awards. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow and received three International

President's Awards as well as Lions International's highest award, the Ambassador of Good Will.

Jim married Dorothy Newbold in 1994. They enjoyed golfing, gardening, and outings to the casino along with feeding deer and relaxing.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, children, Timothy (Jan) Wenzel; Mary Pocius; John (Kay) Wenzel; step children, Larry (Dee) Newbold and Sandra Branfort; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Anne and 2 brothers Raymond "Roundy" and Gerald "Jigs/Fan" Wenzel.

Services will be on Friday January 19, 2017, 11 AM St. Peters Catholic Church, East Troy, WI; visitation from 9:30-11 Am at the church. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials to either Wis. Lions Foundation 3834 County A Rosholt, WI 54473 or Leader Dog for the Blind PO Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48307.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Seasons of Life Hospice for their loving care of Jim and support of the family.

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Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

East Troy, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
1975 Beulah Ave
East Troy, WI 53120

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry to her about Jim. He was a great person. It is very cool that he lived to be a 100. Wayne Klett* ”

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