



James "Jim" J. Pohlers

March 17, 1932 - November 7, 2023

James "Jim" J. Pohlers, 91, formerly of Davenport, IA, Racine, WI and Ocala, FL passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at Meadowmere Mitchell Manor of Oak Creek, WI.

Jim was born, March 17, 1932, to Julius and Anna (nee: Weinmann) Pohlers in Joliet, IL. In 1950 Jim met the love of his life, Shirley Mae Ericksen, and they were united in marriage the following year on November 17, 1951, in Davenport, IA. Together they raised 4 children.

Jim was hired by JI Case Co and worked from the quad cities until being transferred to Racine, WI. During the 11 years living in Racine, the family was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Jim sang in the church choir, led a Sunday School class and both Jim and Shirley were the adult advisors for the senior high youth group.

Jim and Shirley were avid Bridge players and were in multiple Bridge Clubs. Jim and Shirley were also involved with Racine Office of Urban Concern, Inc. They were recognized as "Founders" in 1973.

The summer of 1973, Jim was transferred to Brunswick, OH with JI Case Co. He was the retail store director. Following a two and a half year stay in OH, Jim and family moved back to WI. Jim was then transferred to St Louis, MO. In St Louis, Jim and Shirley were a part of the creative minds and fund raisers for rehabbing the first Ronald McDonald house. All rooms were assigned and refurbished to make the house a beautiful place for families to stay while their children were in the local hospitals. Jim was the Director of Finance for the

City of Fenton. Jim and Shirley decided to retire to Ocala, FL in the late 1980s.

Jim was the treasurer of the homeowner's association, was involved in the Senior Olympics for many years and was also a Neighborhood Watch "deputy" for the Marion Landing Sheriff's Department. Jim also was an usher at the Ocala Community College Theater.

There were many retirement vacations including the Bahamas, Hawaii, Europe and Canada.

In May 2022, Jim returned to WI to be closer to family.

Jim was a lifelong St Louis Cardinals fan and a Green Bay Packers fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Shirley on June 27, 2013 and his brother Lee.

Jim is survived by his brother Paul Pohlers; brothers-in-law, Jim (Jenny) Ericksen and Bob Ericksen; Children, Debi (Tom) Micnovicz, Mike (Terry Lanzar) Pohlers, Lori Caskey and Mark (Linda) Pohlers; Grandchildren; Craig (Chrissy) Micnovicz, Amy Micnovicz, Beth (Charles) Barkley, Danielle (Joel) Woodruff, Christopher (Dave) Caskey-Dougherty, Chase (Jaclyn) Pohlers, Shawna McDowell; Great Grandchildren; Jason Micnovicz, Aryan Desai, Cypress, Covin and Carson Micnovicz, Joshua and Gavin Woodruff, Lucas Caskey-Dougherty, Brielle and Emery Pohlers, Kayden and Addison McDowell; Great- Great Grandchildren; Kaiya and Kinsley Micnovicz.

A special thank you to the staff at Meadowmere Assisted Living for their compassion and care over the last year. Also, St Croix Hospice team of caregivers. These dedicated teams are "Angels on Earth."

Jim will be laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St Louis, MO in the Spring of 2024. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your local Ronald McDonald

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and I knew each other from the time we were 3 years old and in Sunday school at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. Went to school together all the way through high school, played our violins from 4th grade on. Jim was liked by everyone and was just one of those people you were glad was your friend. Think he was #1 on my list, and felt I was at or near the top of his list. He loved his family and bragged about them all the time and I know he and Shirley had a great life together. God bless.

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