



## James William Molbeck

August 4, 1931 - May 10, 2023

Racine-James William Molbeck, 91 passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

James was born in Racine on August 4th, 1931, the son of the late Bernt and Gertrude (nee: Bertelsen) Molbeck. He was united in marriage to Shirley Skelton on August 9, 1952. James graduated from William Horlick High School. There he enjoyed playing many sports especially basketball.

Following his graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps and proudly served his country. After his service Jim worked at Western Publishing Company as an accountant until his retirement. He then worked for the City of Racine as an umpire and referee. Before his retirement from the city, Jim taught umpire school for many years.

While he helped raise his seven children, he was active in his church as a deacon and Sunday School Teacher. Jim's greatest pleasures were spending time with his wife and children. He enjoyed watching his family expand.

Jim is survived by his children, Debbie (Jeff) Pulda, Kim (Jeff) Staven, Scott (Kim) Molbeck , Kelly (Mark) Borkovec, Randy Molbeck, and Tracie (Don) Herode; brothers, twin brother Jack (Judy) Molbeck and Ralph (Brenda) Molbeck; grandchildren , Brian, Cori and Amy Pulda, Joshua, Jaymie and Jessica Christofferson, Kari and Megan Johnson, Jake and Eric Staven, Samantha and Scooter Molbeck, Charles and Danielle Raine, Matthew, Michaela, Mc Kenzie and Mitchell Borkovec, Andrew Molbeck and Cody Larson, Ashley and Taner Bacon, Hailey, Donnie, and Brittany Herode; 28

great grandchildren and still counting.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, his daughter, Cheryl Gaskill, and his sisters, Jean and Evie.

Memorial Services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home, 3014 Northwestern Ave. on Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00pm. There will be a time for family and friends to meet at the funeral home on Tuesday before the service from 11:00am until time of service. Private interment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Molbeck*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - May 20, 2023 at 12:59 PM

RH

“ *I truly will miss Jim, many many years of ball games, always with a smile and a joke, just an all around good guy. Condolences to the family.*  
*Ron Hart*

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**Ron Hart** - May 23, 2023 at 11:37 AM

TK

“ *Jim's softball umpiring career connected to the time on the diamond of my father, myself, and my son spanning over 30-years. The evening wasn't complete until Jim could be observed sitting in his lawn chair smoking a cigar. Condolences to the Molbeck family on this great loss. -Tom, Andy & the late Don Karkow-*

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**Tom Karkow** - May 23, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James William Molbeck.*



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May 22, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James William Molbeck.*



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May 21, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Molbeck.*



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May 21, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - May 20, 2023 at 12:56 PM

TJ

“ Loved having Jim sit down the first base line at our St Mesrob Armenian Church 16” softball games and critiquing us. He loved calling himself an “Ohdahr” which is an Armenian term for non-Armenian. See you in softball heaven!

Tom Janikian - May 18, 2023 at 12:56 PM

SU

“ Jim, I'm sure you'll keep those angels in heaven roaring with your contagious smile and your jokes! Please give Shirley a BIG hug from me. My sincere condolences to your entire family.  
Sue from Walgreens

Sue - May 15, 2023 at 05:41 PM

RH

“ Rest in Peace Grandpa! Now you can see ALL the games.

Roxanna Herode - May 15, 2023 at 05:24 PM

RF

“ *Roxanna Herode and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James William Molbeck.*



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**Roxanna Herode and family** - May 15, 2023 at 05:21 PM

CP

“ *Wonderful human being. Always a smile and jokester. RIP . Say hi to Cher for me. ❤️❤️*

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**Cindy Nicotera Pisanello** - May 15, 2023 at 03:06 PM