



## **Jimmie C. Joannon Sr.**

November 11, 1929 - April 21, 2015

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RACINE – Jimmie Carl Joannon Sr., 85, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints. He was born in Centerville, Iowa on November 11, 1929, the son of the late Gus and Marjorie (nee: Cossolotto) Joannon. Jim was united in marriage to Nancy Beth Hanshew on August 15, 1950 in Centerville, Iowa. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army.

After graduating from high school, Jim began his career in 1947 with J.I. Case Co. at their Bettendorf, Iowa plant, as a product expeditor. Jim moved his family to Racine in 1963, when he was promoted to manager for the Service Parts Supply (SPS) area. Jim was also certified by the International Material Management Society. Eventually, Jim was promoted to Vice President of SPS Operations, with responsibility for facilities, construction, and day-to-day management at Case parts depots in North America, Europe and Australia. Among his numerous accomplishments and awards, he also received a U.S. Patent for a In-Line Packaging system he designed. After 41 years, 7 months and 11 days of dedicated service, Jim retired on February 28, 1989.

Jim was extremely active in scouting, beginning in 1945 as a Boy Scout in Centerville. He continued his involvement in scouting in Racine where he spent several years as Scoutmaster of Racine Troop #76.

Golf, curling and St. Louis Cardinals baseball were among the sports Jim had a love for. He was a diehard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan since boyhood.

He still enjoyed listening to games on the radio if one wasn't available on television.

As members of the Racine Curling Club, he and Nancy participated for many years in many Bonspiels throughout Wisconsin, the United States and Canada.

But golf was Jim's passionate pastime. Not only was he an accomplished golfer, but he was also a club maker and collector of hickory shafted golf clubs. After his retirement, Jim and Nancy enjoyed golfing with their many friends as active members of Meadowbrook Country Club and while on winter vacations in Brownsville, Texas. Jim's skill on the course was evident with the pride he placed in his game and was particularly proud of the five Hole-In-Ones he recorded over the years.

Surviving are his children, Jimmie Joannon, Jr., Joy (Darrell) Salerno and Julie (Scott) Klimek all of Racine; five grandchildren, Jimmie III (Jennifer) Joannon of Wausau, Hilary (Jeff) Lowman of Racine, Joseph Friedel of Milwaukee, Marissa (Travis) Gaastra and Erin (fiancé, Wesley Duncan) Salerno of Racine; six great grandchildren, Jacob, Jared, Joshua, Jaden Joannon all of Wausau and Eli and Sophia Lowman of Racine. He is further survived by one sister, RoseMary Hindley of Rock Falls, IL, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy on March 2, 2011, son-in-law, Norm Friedel and daughter-in-law, Anna Joannon.

Funeral services will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, 1400 Kingston Ave. on Monday April 27th, 2015 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Alan McCalister officiating.

Jim will be laid to rest next to his wife at West Lawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held at the Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday, April 26th, 2015 from 4 until 7 p.m. and at church on Monday from 10 a.m. until service time.

A memorial in Jim's name has been established at Second Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Jim in this special way

may direct memorials to Second Presbyterian Church.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Presbyterian Church  
1400 Kingston Avenue  
Racine, WI

## Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Presbyterian Church  
1400 Kingston Avenue  
Racine, WI



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmie C. Joannon Sr.*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - April 24, 2015 at 11:39 AM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear about Jim. Wayne and I were friends of Nancy and Jim since our high school days. Enjoyed many vacations (golf of course!) and yearly class reunions for so many years. Now Jimmy, Wayne and Nancy can rest in peace. What a group the class of '47 was. Am so proud of all of them and what they accomplished with their time on this earth. Enjoyed seeing the photo of the foursome. Thank you so much for sharing. Did not have the privilege of being around the children/grandchildren but knew how much he cared. The last time I heard Jim's voice was after Wayne passed away last fall. My condolences to all the family. Another special person left us.*

*Barbara Creagan*

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**Barbara Creagan** - April 27, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JL

“ We are so sorry to lose our special friend Jimmie. One day I was in my front yard and this little straggly boy came up and started talking-he was about 8 years old and we have been friends ever since. No one messed with Jimmie Leigh and Jimmie Joannon in Centerville! We kept in touch all these years and spent many class reunions together. Jimmie always had the party room! Lots of wonderful memories with a very special man...(except for the homemade hand grenade incident-I would rather forget that one!) Rest in peace Jimmie-thanks for the memories!  
Jim and Donna Leigh  
Fort Myers, FL

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**Jim and Donna Leigh** - April 26, 2015 at 04:32 PM

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“ I first met Mr. Joannon at Anna's funeral. I then also spoke with him at my uncle Paul's, & aunt Mable's funerals. Again, I spoke with him at Mrs. Joannon's funeral. He was always friendly, & engaging. Fathers are important, treasure the good times shared with him. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Chuck Klimek

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**Chuck Klimek** - April 26, 2015 at 12:42 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend, Jim. We treasure and value the gift of his friendship over the years. The stories we could tell, the jokes he played, the events we attended together, the card games, and most of all, his ever present zest for life. He always made us smile with his fast quips. As he ended all our phone conversations--over and out.

Sheila and Maury Blada

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**Maury and Sheila Blada** - April 25, 2015 at 12:57 PM



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - April 24, 2015 at 10:41 AM