



James Niesen

August 14, 1926 - April 25, 2021

Jim Niesen was born on August 14, 1926 in Chicago to Thomas and Helen Niesen, he was one of 5 children. He grew up in Edison Park, Illinois. Jim proudly served his country in France in WWII. He met his bride Pauline in 1949 in Rochester, Minnesota. They married on October 14, 1950 and had 5 children. They moved to Rolling Meadows, Ill, a suburb of Chicago and were founding members of both Rolling Meadows and St Colette's Catholic Church. He loved playing golf, was active in his community serving on the police commission and as an alderman. He was a reader and Eucharistic minister at church. Jim's career began in the family printing business, setting type and running presses.

When he retired at age 70, he was the Executive Director of the Binding Industries of America and Executive Vice President of Printing Industries of Illinois.

He and Pauline moved to The Villages Florida in 2002 where they enjoyed golf, evenings at the square and great friends. Jim never met a stranger. Everyone was a friend. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was known for his jokes. He would say he had a fantastic mind for worthless information. Jim's greatest pleasure was his wife, children, grandchildren and his many friends. He was a mentor to many, an adviser to some and a friend to all.

He passed away on April 25th in The Villages. Jim is survived by his wife, Pauline and his five children, Reverend Marianne Niesen (Rev. Lyle Hamilton), Mike Niesen (Melissa Crenshaw), Tom Niesen (Sherri), Laura Vargas (John) and Kathie Niesen (Joe Hargett). His grandchildren Travis Trapp, Kayla Niesen, Brandi Niesen, Jim Niesen (Pamela), Jared Vargas, Rev. Kama Hamilton Morton (Doug), Dr. Kaleb Hamilton (Kimra), Jessica Boyd and five great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 10 AM at St Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Summerfield, Florida. Interment will follow with military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida

We will celebrate his amazing life on Sunday, May 16 at the Savannah Center in The Villages from 2:00-4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shepherd's Lighthouse, Belleview, Florida, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be shared at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ *James Niesen*

Steve Henaughan - June 03, 2021 at 01:22 PM

JR

“ *Pauline and Family,
My heartfelt sympathy to you on Jim's passing. What a great guy. I
have nothing but positive memories from my many years working
with him at PII and BIA. He was a great mentor and teacher. When
Jim retired, the printing industry lost a great leader. With Jim's
passing, the world loses a great human being. All my love to you,
Joanne*

Joanne Rock - May 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ *Pauline and family,very sorry to hear of your loss. Have great
memories of breakfast conversations with Jim and Carl followed by
golf at Pinecrest. God bless.*

Stan Broederdorf - May 14, 2021 at 08:37 AM

“ Jim had a way of truly touching everyone that he came in contact with. We have so many fond memories of Jim and Pauline that there is no one story, rather a host of terrific experiences that blend into one another.

I always loved how Jim would walk right past me at each BIA conference, deliberately ignoring me, to ask my wife if she was having a good time "because I know if you are happy, he HAS to come back".

His stories about waiters and waitresses were a tutorial in sales 101; His warm greetings and constant friendly smiles were legendary. He was always encouraging, especially to newbies, until they felt comfortable as a part of the team. Jim was the consummate host who, with Pauline, had a gift of making everyone feel that they belong to whatever event they were hosting.

Jim was the voice of reason ... unless you crossed him. He was a terrific ally to have on your side when a bully was around. He fought for BIA and GFI with a passion and a purpose in a way that only "our greatest generation" could have. I would NOT want to have him against me, nor did I have to worry about that because he was always on the side for what was right and just.

Jim was a man of faith - I hope to see you again one day; A patriot who loves our country - God Bless America; and a friend who has made a lasting and meaningful impression on so many people that his legacy will continue to touch lives in a positive way for generations to come!

Goodbye for now, my friend ... when we meet in the afterlife, I have no doubt who God will have put in charge of the welcoming committee!

All our love and support to Pauline and family!

Bob & Debbie Windler - May 13, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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“ *Sincere condolences to you and your entire family.*

Steve Danielson - May 12, 2021 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Sincere condolences to you and your entire family.*

Taylor Dreadin - May 12, 2021 at 09:57 AM