



James Harold Jansen

September 12, 1941 - February 3, 2026

James Harold Jansen, 84, of Aurora, IL, passed away peacefully on February 3rd, 2026, surrounded in prayer by family. James (Jim) was born on September 12th, 1941, in St. Paul, MN, to Matthias and Matilda (Ludwig) Jansen. He is survived by his wife Margaret; his sons Stephen Jansen (Jennifer Bender), Peter Jansen, John (Jocelyn) Jansen; grandchildren Sabrina, Teresa, Cecilia, Lucy, Jose, Anthony, John Paul, Monica, Charlie, Francesca, and Zelig; and sister Merita Hill. He is preceded in death by his brother Carl Jansen and granddaughter Jacinta.

Jim graduated from St. Agnes High School in St. Paul, MN, in 1959 and from the University of Minnesota in 1963. Shortly thereafter, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Navy. After discharge in 1965, he met the love of his life, Margaret Gerlach. They were married on July 15, 1967.

Jim worked a variety of jobs from selling pots and pans to comforting families as a mortician. He shared countless gifts and talents and enjoyed acting in community theater, singing in the church choir, and building sets for his grandchildren's plays. Even on rainy days you could find him on the sidelines cheering for the grandkids during soccer games. He was an instant friend to everyone he met and enjoyed conversations with lifelong companions and new acquaintances.

Even in his final days, he remained a gentleman and showed real strength in character during his weakest moments. His faith carried him home.

Visitation will take place at The Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL, on Friday, February 13th, from 4:00PM - 9:00PM. Prayer Service will begin at 7:00PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL, on Saturday, February 14th, at 10:00AM. Private Burial will take place after the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pro-Life Action League or House of Bethany.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **13**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Mercy Church
701 S. Eola Rd.
Aurora, IL 60504

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James Harold Jansen



Daleiden Mortuary - February 10 at 10:23 AM

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“ Christie Hargis lit a candle in memory of James Harold Jansen



Christie Hargis - February 13 at 02:08 PM

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“ Joe Jansen & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Harold Jansen.



Joe Jansen & Family - February 12 at 10:52 AM

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“ Joe Jansen & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Harold Jansen.

Joe Jansen & Family - February 12 at 10:52 AM



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Daleiden Mortuary - February 10 at 10:17 AM