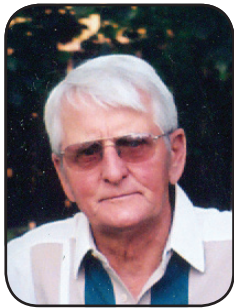


James "Jim" O. Opatz, 89
Sauk Rapids, MN
Sept. 1, 1928 - Dec. 4, 2017



Mass of Christian Burial will be noon Dec. 15 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell for James O. Opatz, age 89, who passed away Monday at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center surrounded by his family. Rev. Timothy Baltes will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

Jim was born Sept. 1, 1928, in Sauk Rapids to Simon and Adeline (Sobiech) Opatz. He served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII. Jim married Mary Lou Farnam Jan. 14, 1953, and they lived in Sartell all their married life. He owned and operated Opatz Barber Shop in Sauk Rapids for 63 years,

retiring in 2013. Jim was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Sartell American Legion Post No. 277 and the Sartell VFW. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, hunting, visiting with people and watching sports especially the Vikings and Twins. Jim was a hardworking, faithful person with a great sense of humor.

Jim is survived by his children, Mark of Sartell, Bill of Sauk Rapids, Bob (Becky) of St. Stephen, Carrie Larson of Marietta, Greg (Kathy) of Sartell, Lisa Frank (Leo Supan) of Sartell, and Laura (Brent) Elliott of Sartell; brothers and sisters, Ralph (Geta) of Arizona, Eileen Berger of White Bear Lake, Gerry (Peg) of Bloomington, Jane (Jake) Lynch of Bloomington, and Donald (Margie) of North St. Paul; 24 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Lou on Jan. 24, 2008; son, Michael on Nov. 21, 2007; and daughter, Cathy Burgmeier on April 22, 2016.

The family would like to thank the nurses at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for all the loving care given to Jim.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

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