



## James Edward Longardner

September 10, 1933 - February 28, 2014

### Tuning For The Angels Now

James Edward Longardner, 80, of Rockford died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on February 28, 2014. He was born on September 10, 1933 in Ft. Wayne, IN, son of Andrew and Lucile (Rogers) Longardner. James was a piano technician for over 30 years, and the former owner of Rockford Organ and Piano, with stores in Rockford and Wisconsin. Past member of the Walleye Club, Navy Club and the Piano Technicians Guild. United in Marriage to Linda on May 29, 1987 in Rockford. Survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Susan (Jeff) Cellitti, Patricia (Greg) Matranga, Marcia (Bob) Linley, Kelli (Randy) Blank; sons, James A. and Robert A. Longardner, John P. and Mark A. Farbo. James was affectionately known as Grandpa Jim to numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother, Richard Longardner, sister, Joan Demo; brother-in-law, Don Doehring, numerous nieces, nephews, fishing friends and extended family. Preceded in death by parents, sister, Betty, and grandsons in infancy. Jim arranged for his body to be donated to science to further medical understanding and research. Memorial Visitation on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 1340 South Alpine Rd. Rockford, at Colonial Village. To share a memory or condolence visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary and I send our sincere sympathies and thoughts and prayers to you, Robert, and to you, Linda and family. I remember Jim as a most exceptional man ... Like many, I suppose, I got to know Jim first as he came to take care of our pianos at Third Presbyterian Church. I am sure glad that you carry on, Robert, and look after our pianos now.*

*Best wishes,  
Rev. Murray Hanson*

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**Rev. Murray Hanson** - March 09, 2014 at 04:48 PM

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“*I can remember Jim's face when he caught his wall mount walleye. He was so excited that whole weekend and I know my husband was glad to be with him that day to net it for him and it will be a treasured memory for both of us along with many others. I will miss my cribbage partner and all the times we played.  
with loving thoughts  
Jeff and Kim Damon*

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**kim damon** - March 04, 2014 at 10:03 AM

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“*I remember having conversations with my grandpa on the phone and him telling me he was proud of me I love him so much and will miss talking to him!!!!*



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**Theresa Longardner** - March 03, 2014 at 06:25 PM

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**Theresa Longardner** - March 03, 2014 at 06:23 PM

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**Theresa Longardner** - March 01, 2014 at 08:54 AM

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**Theresa Longardner** - March 01, 2014 at 08:48 AM

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“ *my thought and prayers are with you all ,, he was a great man and great father in law he will be missed dearly loved forever ... i cherish all the memorys i had with him and my children rip always loved never forgotten .... love you all donna pels*



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**donna pels** - February 28, 2014 at 07:12 PM