



James "Jim" McGinnis

August 21, 1948 - May 1, 2025

James "Jim" McGinnis, 76, passed away on May 1, 2025 after a long illness in Rockford, IL. He grew up in Superior, WI, in a large and loving Irish family. He graduated from the UW-Superior. It was there that he met his soulmate, Karen Maki.

Jim was a kind, generous, intelligent man who held a variety of positions in the insurance profession. Outside of work, he was active in Christ Lutheran Church, where he was a member of Men of Christ.

He loved all music, was an ardent reader and gladly shared his books with anyone. Jim was also a devoted sports fan and took up golf in his retirement. He was proud of his Irish heritage and had an infectious sense of humor. He often shared memories of the McGinnis clan with his nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim is survived by Karen, his wife of 55 years; sister, Kate (Jon) Lenn; brothers, Joe (Diane), Mike (Terry), Pat (Nikki), John (Jenny); special friends, Karen Glavin and Shari Warmoth; several generations of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Dr. Jim and Anne McGinnis and sisters Eileen Tomzak and Gitzy Wickland.

His blood type was B-Positive, and that was the way he lived his life; a legacy that has been passed on to friends, family and anyone who needed a caring friend.

Visitation on May 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 425 Riverside Rd., Belvidere, IL; followed by a service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Christ Lutheran Church or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
425 Riverside Road
Belvidere, IL

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
425 Riverside Road
Belvidere, IL

Tribute Wall

SK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



shari & karen - May 09, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shari - May 09, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ I was a classmate of Michael McGinnis and I remember the entire family while attending St. Francis Xavier School and Church. I want to send my deep condolences to the family's loss. Bathe in fond memories of him as a source of comfort and peace. Regards, Donna Grein

Donna Grein - May 08, 2025 at 12:38 PM

KC

“ Karen, I'm so sorry to hear of Jims passing. Life seems so unfair sometimes.
You know you have family and faith to help you along.
God bless you on this new journey.
Bruce and Kathy Carlson



Kathryn L, Carlson - May 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM

SH

“ Shari lit a candle in memory of James McGinnis



Shari - May 06, 2025 at 11:16 AM