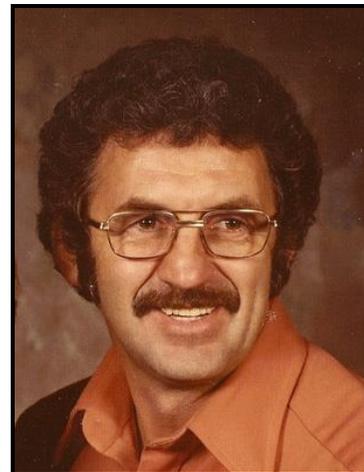


James "Jimmy" P. Lynch, 81

Sauk Rapids

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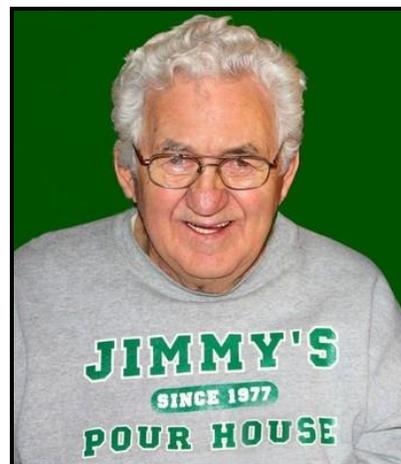
Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 16, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids for James P. Lynch, age 81, who passed away Thursday at Country Manor Health Care Center, Sartell. Rev. Anthony Oelrich, Rev. Al Stangl, and Rev. Ronald Weyrens will officiate and entombment will be at Hilltop Mausoleum, Sauk Rapids. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids and one hour prior to the services Monday at the church. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Chaplain Adam Sohre officiating.



The Irishman Jimmy Lynch was born in Fort William, Canada on October 31, 1931, the youngest child of Martin Lynch and Anne (Hobbins) Lynch. After meeting and marrying the love of his life, Marilyn (Ella) (Scheirer) they started a family and eventually moved to St. Paul, Minnesota area. Jimmy worked for Red Owl Grocery (Super Value) for many years. Following that he moved his family to Grey Cloud Island where he and his children could enjoy their love of horses and dogs. In addition to managing the grocery store he started a business of boarding and raising horses. He was quite the horseman. In 1977 Jimmy started out on a new adventure. He got a hair-brained idea to purchase this little bar in Sauk Rapids, MN that is now known as Jimmy's Pour House.

This Irishman never missed a chance to celebrate his heritage, St. Patrick's Day parades through town, green beer and Irish tunes galore. Jimmy was born on Halloween and as you can imagine he and his wife Marilyn always had a fantastic costume wear for the party. It can be said that Jimmy must have known thousands of jokes and was always there share them! He had a wonderful dog named Beau who was his faithful companion; the dynamic duo was quite a sight around town.

Jimmy was a gifted community organizer who volunteered extensively for the City of Sauk Rapids serving on the Park Board and Planning Commission. He was instrumental in community efforts such as the community pool, Sauk Rapids softball complex, and Rapids River Food Festival. He was known to be quite the pool shark around town and also an avid golfer who served on the Wapicada Golf Club board. Jimmy loved to play softball and played well into his 70's. When he was no longer able to play you would still find him at the ballpark every Monday night cheering on his team.



Jimmy was a member of Sacred Heart parish since 1977. His faith in God and love for Jesus were unwavering and carried him through his trials and tribulations. He gave back to God and his parish through ministries such as teaching religious education, organizing the food shelf collections, delivering Eucharist to homebound families, and participating in TEC retreats. He believed strongly in the power of prayer and later in life devoted every morning to prayer for others. Jimmy became a spiritual role model for his children and grandchildren and his memory will last forever.

Survivors include his children, Kathryn (Blake) Begnaud, Patrick (Maureen) Lynch, Michael (Judith) Lynch, Missy (Rick) Huff, Mary Beth Isaacs, Cynthia (Gary) Fasching, Erin Bjorklund, Dena (Jason) Hagberg, Ann Lynch, James (Alison) Lynch, and Daniel (Tara) Lynch; 40 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marilyn; infant son, Daniel Timothy; great grandson, Dane Isaacs; and sisters, Eileen Bortolucciand and Patricia Margarit.

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