



## James L. Simbeck

July 19, 1941 - December 31, 2023

James L Simbeck "Big Jim", age 82, of North Tonawanda, passed away on December 31, 2023. James was born in DuBois PA on July 19, 1941, son of the late James and Harriet (nee Ames) Simbeck.

Mr. Simbeck worked at General Motors for 30 years, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of North Tonawanda and DuBois, PA, member of Sykesville Eagles Club. He loved hunting, golf, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Steelers, he enjoyed family time at the KP Camp and he loved watching old westerns, telling stories. James loved his family and traveling.

Beloved husband of 55 years to Ann (nee Kos) Simbeck. He is survived by his sons; Joel Simbeck (Mechas) and Jeff Simbeck (Karuna). Daughters; Brenda Truax, Tina Valint (Keith), Mary Block and Dawn Becker (Tim). Brother of Janice Meneely (late John), late Joe and Jerry Simbeck. James is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday January 13, 2024 from 11 to 1 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda, where Services will follow at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice in memory of James.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Jim was my baby brother. I wanted a sister because I already had two brothers who teased me way too much. I made a deal with the doctor, if it was a girl we would keep her. If it was a boy the doctor would keep him and give me a puppy. Needless to say, I never got a puppy. Many times as he was growing up, I did a great deal of babysitting. Often, he would call me mommy and then say I mean sissy. He will be greatly missed, as will his many funny stories! Of which he always had one or two or a few more. He was loved by many and will be missed very much. With all my love, your sister.

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**Carolyn Meneely** - January 08, 2024 at 05:42 PM

CM

*This was sent for Jan Meneely*

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**Carolyn Meneely** - January 08, 2024 at 05:43 PM

KA

“ Jim and I met in 1st grade. He was a neighbor of my grandmother, so every day after school we walked home together along with several other classmates. I practiced piano and took lessons at my grandmothers. Over the years because we were assigned to homeroom by alphabet, Jim and I shared the assignment. We also shared many school memories and pranks. His quick wit will always be remembered. My sincere sympathies to his family. He will be lovingly remembered.

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**Karen Wilson Attreed** - January 05, 2024 at 01:39 PM

DP

“ Jim and I have been friends for about 78 years and I have considered Jim to be my best and dearest friend for all those years. I both mourn the loss of Jim, whom I consider one of my family, and delight that I will meet him again and spend eternity joining Jim in praising and worshipping God!

Dick Plyler - January 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. Simbeck.



January 05, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JC

“ Sorry. Jim and I were classmate and ran around together thru high-school. When he moved back to DuBois seen him out eating quite a bit and we would chat. Rest in Peace Big Jim. 🙏🙏

John Caine - January 05, 2024 at 08:38 AM

KE

“ Prayers to Jim's family. He was a neighbor of ours when I lived in Stump Creek. Such a nice guy! My thoughts are with you all.

Kerry - January 04, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DA

“ *Dad, you will forever be in our hearts.*”



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**Dawn** - January 04, 2024 at 02:11 PM

MA

*Dad I will miss all your stories and your quick wit. I will miss the way you looked at Mum with love in your eyes and I saw that a lot and that meant the world to me. Rest in peace Big Jim.*

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**Mary** - January 08, 2024 at 08:27 PM