



## James L. "Jim" Stout

August 9, 1942 - January 5, 2023

James L. "Jim" Stout, 80, passed away January 5, 2023, at his home. Direct quote: "I told you I was sick!"

Jim was born August 9, 1942, in Sycamore IL to Ben and Kate (Strachan) Stout. He was raised in Burlington IL and bought his childhood home from his dad. The most moving he ever did was from the upstairs bedroom to the downstairs bedroom. Burlington was his primary residence for his entire life. In his youth, Jim was always hunting, fishing, and walking around town getting into mischief. He graduated from Burlington Central High School in 1960 where he met his future wife, Janice. They were married on April 18, 1964, and had three sons, Michael, Jeffery, and Jonathon. Jim started working as an apprentice carpenter, and later worked at Westway Construction in St Charles building homes in the greater Fox Valley area. Later he worked for Lamp Construction. In Burlington he was formerly a village trustee, and currently on the Park District board. Jim was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Burlington. He was in the Kishwaukee Archery club, and Rockford Sportsman Club. Making great friends in both clubs. As an avid boater, Jim loved to be on the water in his motorized boats, his canoe or homemade kayak. Always hunting and fishing with friends and family. Jim enjoyed spending his retirement years at his cabin in Oregon IL on the Rock River, and at his winter home in Estero, FL. Making lifelong friends in both locations. Details are sketchy, but he is rumored to have once wrestled an alligator into

submission. Jim loved to pull off a good prank. Frequent prank targets were his construction coworkers including Lumpy and the cleaning gals, his lifelong friend Larry Becker, neighbors in Florida, and Tracy Hartje. Jim loved animals and was well known to vigorously pet almost all dogs he encountered. Jim was a lover of salt and made most of his decisions by either spinning his knife or pulling ballots out of a hat. He was a former Mason and Lion. Jim was the cornerstone of his family and would do anything to entertain his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Janice; sons, Mick (Dee) Stout of Kingston, IL; Jeff (Candi) Stout of Plato Center, IL; and John (Debbie) Stout of Algonquin IL; 3 grandchildren, Kate, Abi, and Colton; and his sister Marge (Willard) Lenschow.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Shirl (Art) Getzelman of Hampshire, IL; his brother Bud (LaVonne) Stout of Burlington, IL; and numerous spoiled pets including dogs Susie, Eric, Barney & Morgan.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 11th, from 3-8 PM at the United Methodist Church, 195 E Center St. in Burlington and will continue on Thursday from 10 until the 11 AM. Funeral Service with burial to follow in the Burlington Union Cemetery. The service will be live-streamed and can be watched by clicking on the video tab at 11am Or this link <https://evt.live/james-stout>

Lunch afterwards at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the Burlington Methodist Church or the Park District.

# Cemetery Details

## Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery

McGough and Peplow rd  
Burlington, IL 60109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
Center and South Street  
Burlington, IL 60109

## Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
195 E Center St  
Burlington, IL 60109  
(847) 683-3535

## Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Burlington United Methodist Church  
Center and South Street  
Burlington, IL 60109



# Tribute Wall



“ Fredrick Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James L. "Jim" Stout



Fredrick Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James L. "Jim" Stout.



January 10, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Charlie and I would like to offer our sincere condolences to Jan and all of the family and friends of Jim. We met Jim through our friends in Corkscrew, vic and Sonya Perkins. She was a kind, sweet man. He had an incredible Sense of humor and of course loved a great practical joke. We would all laugh when we heard of some of the jokes that he used to play. He will be greatly missed and remembered with love. Sending love and hugs, John and Fran Pettersen

Fran Pettersen - January 08, 2023 at 06:06 PM

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*That should be John and I. I don't know who Charlie is. Lol. I should have proofread. Voice texting did that.*

**Fran Pettersen** - January 08, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James L. "Jim" Stout.*



January 07, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. "Jim" Stout.*



January 07, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James L. "Jim" Stout.*



January 07, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Kay&Dick Irving lit a candle in memory of James L. "Jim" Stout*



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**kay&Dick Irving** - January 07, 2023 at 10:39 AM

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*My best memory of Jim was his tall story he wrote in 5th grade. It was on the landing of the moon! Guess who was the first person I thought of when they walked on the moon! I was so disappointed that when Dick told him, he was a person before his time! and he couldn't recall the story. Oh well, Jim was a friend we will always remember As well as his family...His fire walk was also a fun memory at the Irving's! We love you all! Kay &.Dick*

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**kay irving** - January 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM

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*My Grandma Alice Stout Van Dusen loved her family so much and always told lots of stories about the Stout cousins. Uncle Ben and Aunt Kate had the best children, always happy and fun. The Stout reunion was a highlight of our summers. Mom (Margaret Seyller) enjoyed being with her cousins. Shirley always had us entertained, and all the cousins could tell stories for hours. Jan, my deepest sympathy to you and your children and grandchildren. You are in my prayers. God Bless you and all who love you. Judy (Seyller) Nelson.*

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**Judy Nelson** - January 12, 2023 at 05:26 PM