



## James "Jim" Rohwer

May 2, 1967 - January 27, 2021

James "Jim" Rohwer, 53, of Prior Lake, MN, formerly of Okoboji passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the East Bank Hospital - Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center. Family will greet friends during an informal celebration of Jim's life from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

James "Jim" Nathan Rohwer was born to Ben and Dorothy Rohwer on May 2nd, 1967. He and his siblings grew up in Archer, IA, but it was in his childhood that Jim fell in love with the Iowa Great Lakes, visiting for family vacations in the summers.

At the age of 18, a motorcycle accident that all but destroyed his ankle, changed the course of Jim's life. Plans to move to Bozeman, Montana to become a hunting guide after graduation turned into renting a lakefront house in Okoboji with his good buddies to relax and recover. On his first night in Okoboji, he lied about his age to the woman he would be married to for almost 33 years. Eventually, he would also meet the little girl that would become his daughter.

Jim married Lisa Rohwer (Coate) on May 7th, 1988. They bought an acreage outside of Okoboji and raised their daughter, Bobbi, while also taking care of

several dogs, ducks, rabbits, and horses. Jim loved spending time outdoors, cracking open a few Budlights, and spending time with his family and close friends. He particularly enjoyed the many winter vacations he and Lisa took to tropical paradise over the last 20 years, visiting many areas of Mexico, Jamaica, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic.

After the arrival of their third grandchild, Jim and Lisa decided to uproot their life in Okoboji to move closer to their daughter's growing family. They moved to Prior Lake, MN in the fall of 2019. He loved when the grandkids came to visit and would spoil them with candy and tell them stories from his past. Jim was known for loving several NFL teams, switching his jerseys depending on which game was playing: the Vikings, the Bears, the Chiefs or the Packers.

Although his ankle caused him pain throughout his entire life, it became too much to bear, and he was to have his second joint replacement in the fall of 2020. Due to pandemic-related issues and surgery restrictions, his surgery was cancelled and rescheduled twice. Jim was finally free from the pain on January 27th after battling an infection made more complicated by liver disease. His wife and daughter were by his side.

Jim's father, Ben Rohwer, preceded him in death by 11 days. He is survived by the love of his life, Lisa; his daughter, Bobbi (Zach), and their three grandchildren, Arlo, Waylon, and Lincoln; his mother, Dorothy Rohwer; his brother Steve (Patty) Rohwer; his sister Lori (Linn) Rohwer; his step-mom, Leah Rohwer; his step-sister, Jill (Tom) Mouw; his step-brother, Dr. Michael (Lisa) Ackerman; a very special sister-in-law, "Ponce" (Jeff) Bonsall; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - January 28, 2021 at 02:56 PM

MW

*Hi Lisa, Although I've only known you a short time and never met Jim, the video was a beautiful tribute...full of wonderful memories. It looks like you lived life to the fullest 🍷 Jim had one of those infectious smiles. I'm sorry he suffered so much in the last few months. My heart breaks for you, your daughter and the grandkids. With my deepest sympathy! Marilyn Westphal*

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**Marilyn Westphal** - January 29, 2021 at 06:03 PM

MH

*Lisa- I am so very sorry. I have the best memories of you and Jim at Okoboji and especially at the pool. You're already both so greatly missed but my heart and prayers are with you and your family. Jim was the nicest man and so wonderful to mom.*

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**Meg Husen** - February 05, 2021 at 10:05 AM

BS

“ *Good man, he will be deeply missed*

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**Bob Smith** - May 05, 2021 at 08:53 PM

LB

“ We are sorry to hear of Jim’s passing and will always remember him fondly.

*Kevin and Lisa Baxter*

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**Lisa Baxter** - February 03, 2021 at 10:43 PM

BW

“ *Bev Wittler lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Bev Wittler** - January 31, 2021 at 02:23 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a classmate of my sons and always had a hi from him if we ran into each other. I always honked when I went by your house when we were at our lake home. Didnt know you moved but so glad you had so many great memories with the grandchildren. Your in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Shirley Jongerius** - January 30, 2021 at 04:50 PM



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



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January 30, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.*



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January 29, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ *Connie Gossman lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Connie Gossman** - January 29, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Mary McClurg** - January 29, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.*



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January 29, 2021 at 01:09 PM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer



Greg & Dee Baloun - January 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.



January 29, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.



January 29, 2021 at 02:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.



January 28, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.*



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January 28, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Marco Ray lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Marco Ray** - January 28, 2021 at 09:02 PM



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



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January 28, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ *Jon & Jan Shatter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.*



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**Jon & Jan Shatter** - January 28, 2021 at 06:55 PM

MT

“ Marlin & Tracy Theye lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer



Marlin & Tracy Theye - January 28, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.



January 28, 2021 at 05:17 PM

BL

“ Bill And Teri Lehner lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer



Bill and Teri Lehner - January 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM

TL

“ Tim And Darci Long lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer



Tim and Darci Long - January 28, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Rohwer.*



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January 28, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Karen Christians lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Karen Christians** - January 28, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Lisa Smith** - January 28, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Jim was a wonderful man he had the biggest smile. We enjoyed Jim and Lisa as friends to travel with, watch football, and sit by the fire. Our prayers are with you during this time of sadness.*  
*Rollie and Carol Smith*

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**Rollie and Carol Smith** - January 28, 2021 at 02:51 PM

LR

“ *I will forever love you brother, I'm gonna be so lost without you but you are no longer in pain, love n hugs to Lisa, Bobbi and family*

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**Lori Rohwer** - January 28, 2021 at 10:20 AM

KS

“ *Kelly Struck lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Kelly Struck** - January 28, 2021 at 10:15 AM

BG

“ *Bradley And Jeri Gibson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer*



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**Bradley and Jeri Gibson** - January 28, 2021 at 07:24 AM

BC

“ *Lisa & Bobbi: We were shocked & saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Our sincere sympathy is extended to you. Bill & Jackie Carpenter*

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**Bill Carpenter** - January 27, 2021 at 11:43 PM

JR

“ Jerry And Judy Rohwer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Rohwer



Jerry and Judy Rohwer - January 27, 2021 at 09:12 PM



Lisa my heart is breaking with this news sending hugs and prayers to your entire wonderful family ❤️🙏

Kathleen Dana - January 28, 2021 at 08:27 AM



Lisa our hearts are heavy hearing the news of Jim passing. Our sympathy to you and your families. Jim was a wonderful man. Hugs to all. Fly high Jim on your Harley in Heaven, where the road never ends!

Karen & Jeff Anfinson

Karen Anfinson - January 28, 2021 at 10:24 AM

KR

My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Kathleen Rohwer-Greenwood - January 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM

SM

Lisa & Family Sorry to hear of Jim's passing he always had a friendly smile and kind heart for all he met. May he rest in peace Steve & Anna Moore okoboji

steve moore - January 29, 2021 at 11:58 AM