



## James "Jim" A. Shea

June 30, 1940 - June 27, 2021

James "Jim" Andrew Shea, 80, of Burnsville, MN, formerly of Berlin and Beloit, WI passed away on Sunday, June 27, 2021, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, in Minneapolis, MN surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 30, 1940, in Beloit, WI, the son of John H. Jr. and Clara (Lippens) Shea. Jim was a 1958 graduate of Beloit Catholic High School. He continued his education at Marquette University and Milton College. He married SanDee Choudoir 56 years ago on June 26, 1965, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Beloit, WI.

Jim's sales career took him on many exciting paths. Leath Furniture, Kraft Foods, Weiler & Co., Broaster/Taylor and finishing out his career at Foremost Farms as a Pharmaceutical Sales Manager. He retired in 2003. He was an active member of the Beloit Lions Club, Miss Beloit Pageant, Jaycees, Food Technologists, and the Beloit Catholic High School-School Board. He also had a love of sports and was involved with the Boys Club, Lifeguard at the Beloit Pool, coaching Beloit Legion Baseball, and refereeing-including state champion high school football.

Jim and SanDee enjoyed traveling to various destinations. They ran a fireworks business for many years, employing many area students. They enjoyed retirement by spending their winters in Fort Myers, FL.

Survivors include his wife, SanDee; children, Kelly Ann Shea (Eric) Barke of Prior Lake, MN and Steven James Shea and his wife Sallie (Willett) Shea and grand-dog Rocco of Milwaukee, WI; grandchildren, Kyle Steven and Aaron James Barke; sisters-in-law, Susan (Choudoir) Spilman (Chic) of Fort Myers, FL, Patti (Choudoir) Harrer of Beloit, WI, Pam (Choudoir) Talley (Jim) of Beloit, WI, Gary Choudoir of Appleton, WI; cousins, Delores Dilley of Janesville, WI, John Osmond of Hot Springs Village, AZ and Thomas Osmond of Janesville, WI, and many beloved nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Jim was predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law, Robert 'Bob' Harrer.

Jim's congenial personality was with him until the very end.

Visitation of Remembrance will be held at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium at 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI. A Graveside Service will be held following the visitation on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at Mt. Thabor Cemetery, 2222 Shopiere Rd., Beloit, WI. Inurnment will be in Mt. Thabor Cemetery. Due to family medical conditions face mask are required.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Mt. Tabor  
Cemetery**

2222 Shopiere Road  
Beloit, WI,

**JUL Visitation 11:30AM - 01:00PM**

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Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and  
Crematorium

2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, US, 53511

**JUL Graveside Services 01:30PM**

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Mt. Tabor Cemetery

2222 Shopiere Road, Beloit, WI, US

# Comments

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“ SanDee,

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's death. I so enjoyed the short time I got to work with you and Jim on the estate sale business/donations in the greater Green Lake area. You both are forever planted in my memory. I look at the stained glass birds hanging in my porch window and think of you with a smile.

Warm regards,  
Barb Behlen

**Barb Behlen** - July 15 at 11:37 AM

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“ I am so sorry to have read this in the billboard today. MR.Shea was a very special man.I met him through the Green Lake County Relay for Life. Mr. Jim showed up every year and walked and donated .He was amazing.Such a kind caring man ..I didn't know him well but he left an impression on my heart forever.  
So very sorry for your loss...Heaven most certainly gained an ANGEL.  
Connie

**Connie Sommerfeldt** - July 13 at 06:16 PM

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“ I worked with Jim at Theda Care Medical Center in Berlin for some years as a volunteer and was saddened to learn of his passing. Jim was a very outgoing, personable guy and we had many great conversations over the years. When he stopped in for a doctor appointment he would always stop at the front desk to talk to me. I also served on the volunteer council with him. I knew he had some health issues in recent years but it was a shock to see his obituary in the Berlin Journal today. I want to express my condolences to SanDee as well as Jim's entire family. He will be missed. - Craig Chovanec

**Craig Chovanec** - July 08 at 10:47 AM

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“ SanDee and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. SanDee, I always think of you two as such kind, wonderful people who became more than a customer. You became friends. May you be comforted by knowing you have people who care about you and are keeping you in thoughts and prayers. I miss your rummage sales!

Tracy Kallas  
Berlin Journal Newspapers

Tracy Kallas - July 06 at 05:38 PM

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“ Dear Sandee, Steve and Kelly,

We are so sorry to hear the news. Dad spoke of you quite often over the years and Jim's friendship really meant a lot to dad. Im sorry to say we will not be able to visit in person, dad has been struggling a bit lately with his health. Please know your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Tom Smith and Family

Scott Smith - July 05 at 09:16 PM

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“ Dear Sandee and Steve and Kelly,

Ken and I send our sincere condolences to you all. Jim was such a nice man, I know he will be so missed by all his family and his many friends. Sending prayers to you all.

Nancy Forbeck

nancy Forbeck - July 03 at 01:44 PM

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“ Dearest Sandee, Our friend, Greg, sent me word about Jim. I'm so sorry to hear this. I'm sending you, Kelly, and Steve my love and prayers and hope to hear from you when you have a moment. My email is epoggi@healingphotoart.org. Big, big hug...  
Elaine

Elaine Uchtmann Poggi - July 03 at 08:17 AM

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“ Rest Easy Cousin Jim. May God rest your blessed soul.



**Kevin Ryan** - June 30 at 02:17 PM

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“ My childhood is filled with wonderful memories of Uncle Jim & the Shea family... every holiday, every summer in a fireworks stand. Sending all my love to the Sheas & Barks. xo

**Corrie Byron** - June 29 at 07:57 PM

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“ I remember Jim from when I worked at Broaster. He definitely impressed me with his friendly and caring personality. Sending heartfelt condolences to you.

**Dorla Wichelt** - June 29 at 07:55 PM

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“ Geez, how long have I known Jim? Seems like he was "reffing" our Pop Warner games 55 years ago. All of the interactions I had with Jim after that were joyous. May fond memories of Jim be with his family, always. I will cherish mine.

**Karl Bell** - June 29 at 06:53 PM

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“ SanDee, I know Jim's health suffered during the last few years, but he always had time to call and see how I and my daughter Natalee were doing. He had a big heart, a big smile and a wonderful personality. I loved seeing you both for lunch in Fort Myers - where we shared a mini-class reunion!! You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Jackie



**JACQUELINE PAROCHKA** - June 29 at 04:30 PM



“ Below. This was eating water melon after we had a water melon brawl back in the late 50's. Jackie is right side in flowered suit. I'm standing behind Carlyle Wilson holding her cup. Jim of course was front row, second from right. Fond memories.

**Gary** - June 29 at 06:09 PM



“ Mike McCormick is eating the watermelon

**kevin Van Kampen** - July 02 at 09:25 PM



“ Dear SanDee and Family,

It is with sincere sympathy that we express and send our thoughts and prayers to young for you

We were your neighbors for years in Berlin, living on Seward Dr.

And we always were pleased when Jim went by our place and waved and smiled.

His fireworks were missed this year, as Tom purchased from him each year.

May you know that he is in a better place, and may fond memories bring a smile. Blessings and Peace, Tom and Liz

Butterbrodt

**Tom and Liz Butterbrodt** - July 31 at 06:37 PM



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**JACQUELINE PAROCHKA** - June 29 at 04:09 PM