



James Francis Demerath

December 12, 1959 - November 23, 2025

James Frances Demerath, born on December 12, 1959, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 23, 2025, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 65 years old.

Jim grew up with a love of stories and a passion for life's adventures. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and went on to build a career in tax starting with American Family Insurance in Madison and later in life, moved to Detroit and continued his work at AAA Life Insurance.

Jim was a man of many passions. He found joy in travel, classic films—especially anything starring Humphrey Bogart, was a loyal fan of the Green Bay Packers, and was deeply proud of his sobriety journey. He had a lifelong love of British sports cars and served as the president of the Madison MG Group, enjoying countless hours rebuilding these classic cars.

He was known for his collection of fedora hats, his love of old movies, his fondness for cats, and his talent for storytelling. Museums, books, and time spent with loved ones were some of his greatest joys. Those who knew him will always remember his warm laugh and the way he made every gathering a little brighter.

Jim leaves behind his loving partner, Theresa Henige, his son Erich

Demerath, and his brothers Paul DeMerath (Marta), Joe Demerath, and Michael Demerath (Tina). He will also be dearly missed by his three cherished cats: Batman, Trixie, and Madison.

Please return to our website for updated service information.

Cemetery Details

Forest Home Cemetery - Wisconsin

2421 Mary Street
Marinette, WI 54143

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Jim was a great guy and a wonderful coworker. He always had a great story to tell. I will miss him, whether it was talking taxes or comparing notes as two transplanted cheeseheads.

Kevin Heil - December 01, 2025 at 12:26 PM

SL

“ Jim was my boss at AAA Life for 10 years. He knew insurance taxes well and I learned a lot from him over the years. I appreciated his sense of humor and he was a caring boss. I have missed him since he retired earlier this year and looked forward to the few times we were able to see him these last few months. May God bless his family and friends at this difficult time!

Sue Largent - December 01, 2025 at 08:46 AM

EB

“ Demo was a good neighbor and friend. We have fond memories of good times sharing Packer games, beer making and picnics.

Our condolences to Erich and family.

Ed and Michele Bacsik

Edward Bacsik - November 28, 2025 at 06:24 PM

LR

“ I so admired Jim for his love of history -- especially his vast knowledge of the Civil War and WW II, which never ceased to amaze me. But what's most important was that Jim found a lasting place in the heart and life of my dear friend Theresa; together, they shone. Rest well, my friend. You will be missed.

Linda Roach - November 28, 2025 at 01:06 PM

MD

“ *I just learned tonight that Jim went to be home. He was a blessing in my recovery journey and he showed me how all twelve steps of recovery had Biblical verses. I look forward to seeing Jim again in eternity!*

Michael R Donaldson - November 27, 2025 at 12:47 AM

TK

“ *Condolences from Tom & Helene Kiefer.*

Thomas Kiefer - November 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SK

My prayers and thoughts are with family and friends. I'm very sorry for your loss. From Sandra Kiefer.

Sandra Kiefer - November 26, 2025 at 07:51 PM