

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
*James "Jim" M. Spore*

OCTOBER 4, 1938 – JANUARY 18, 2026

The times when life is difficult,  
*He helps us understand.*  
He's always there to help us out  
Or lend a guiding hand.  
He helps us understand the old  
And teaches us the new...  
A dad gives us the kind of love  
That lasts a *Lifetime Through.*

**Services At:**

Fron Lutheran Church  
Starbuck, Minnesota  
Friday - January 30, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

**Celebrant:**

Don Swenson, S.A.M.

**Accompanist:**

Shari Opdahl

**Reader:**

Jodi Hogan

**Pallbearers:**

Doug Frank, Kevin Frank, Monty Avina  
Craig Spore, Jack Wiebusch, Steve Heck

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Roger Hermas, Bruce Gilbertson

**Interment:**

Fron Lutheran Cemetery  
Starbuck, Minnesota

**Military Honors:**

Starbuck VFW  
Marine Corp Reserve Honor Guard

**Jim Marlow Spore** was born on October 4, 1938 in Butterfield, MN. He graduated from Winnebago High School in 1956. Jim proudly served our country in the United States Marines Corp from 1957-1960. After his service, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Caren Boettcher in Winnebago. Jim worked as a trucker and then worked at Hanson Telephone Company in Hanska before moving to Starbuck in 1974. He worked in the telephone business for many years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Starbuck VFW Post #4582 and a member of the Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association. Jim enjoyed ice fishing, going to Truck Stops for a biscuits and gravy breakfast, reading, listening to old country music, and camping with his family. Most importantly, he was a great guy who will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by his wife of 63 years, Caren Spore of Starbuck; children, Kenneth (Roxanne) of Starbuck, Ranae Spore of St. Cloud, and Roxann Wiebusch of Apple Valley; sisters, Elaine Senn of Jacksonville, FL, Yvonne Hanks of Winnebago, Sheryl Leach of Alamogordo, NM, Karen (David) Messer of Redwood Falls, and Pam Richer of Anoka; grandchildren, Karley Bastin (Steve Heck) of Sartell, Craig Spore of Winona, Jack Wiebusch of Orlando, FL, Nick (Connor) Peters of Starbuck and Alex (Tyler) Toop of Glenwood; great grandchild, Harper Heck of Sartell, Rowyn and Hazel Peters; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janice Krosch; brothers-in-law, Robert Hanks, James Leach, Tom Richer, and Curt Senn.



Please use this QR Code to access  
Jim's online guestbook.



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*Memory*



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