



Darrel J. Potts

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Darrel James Potts was born in Waupaca, WI on August 7, 1937 to Margaret and Albert

Potts. Darrel grew up on his family farm in Wild Rose, WI, where he enjoyed working

with his family on their farm. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, March 22nd 2023 in his family home in Almond, WI, surrounded by his loving family.

Darrel worked on his family's farm until he was drafted to the Army in 1960, and remained serving in Germany until 1962. When he came home, he went to work at Kohler Co. in Kohler, WI, until he ultimately moved back into the area and helped out on

his family farm with his Dad. This is where he met and married his wife Carla Jo Lemke

of 45 years on July 23, 1977. He then began working at Shelmet Precision Steel Co, where he worked for 41 years as a sand blaster. He took on a second job at a local farm as

well so his wife Carla could be a full time stay at home Mom to their 3 children: Valerie,

Natalie and Jeremy.

He loved his family, and spent everyday trying to make sure they were all safe and happy.

Loved watching his grandkids play volleyball, basketball, football, softball and baseball.

He also enjoyed playing solitaire, and after his retirement in June of 2019 which he was

very opposed to, he enjoyed driving around town in his golf cart, smiling and visiting



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with his many friends.

He is further survived by his wife Carla Potts; Children: Valerie (Ken) Gendusa, Natalie

Potts, Jeremy (Robyn) Potts; Grandchildren: Gabrielle Gendusa, Katrina Gendusa, Braden Potts, Madalyn Potts and Darron Potts. His sisters, Joan (Lane) Attoe of Wild Rose, WI. Isabel Urban of Wild Rose, WI. Arveda (Harry) Kirk of Kaukauna, WI. Sister-in-law Linda Potts of Wild Rose, WI. Brother-in-law Kevin (Susan) of Almond, WI. In addition to all close family members, many nieces and nephews, two beautiful goddaughters, one handsome godson and friends that visited and called Darrel.

He is preceded in death by; his parents Margaret and Albert Potts; his mother and father-in-law, William and Jaclyn Lemke; his brothers Lars and Ron Potts.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 1st, with the visitation from 9:30am - 11:00am with the service to follow at 11:00am at St. John's Lutheran Church in Almond.

Pastor Dave Ficken will officiate.

A special heartfelt thank you to Hospice for making him so comfortable in his final days.

They helped put the family at ease and reassure us that he wasn't in any pain at all.

The Hardell-Holly Funeral Home of Almond is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Memorial Visitation


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 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **St. John's Lutheran Church**
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Pat Sorenson posted:

My condolences to the Potts family. In their younger years Tom and Darrel did many things together. i.e: hunting, snowmobiling,. They kinda grew up together. So many stories were told of their escapades along with Smokie, Lane, Lars, Mick, & Ron. Such memories last forever.

April 1 at 6:19 AM



Jim & Nancy Huss posted:

We wish to send our sympathy to the family. We've known the Potts family for many years. Nancy worked with Darrel at Shelmet & always considered him a very kind & thoughtful man. Jim & Nancy Huss

March 29 at 7:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Potts family.

March 28 at 3:10 PM



Matt And Sandy Karpen sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Potts family.

March 28 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Potts family.

March 27 at 7:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Potts family.

March 26 at 3:14 PM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Potts family.



March 26 at 1:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Darrel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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