



## James R. "J.R." Brown

January 01, 1946 - June 11, 2011

James R. "J.R." Brown, 65 Years of Age of Van Dyne, WI died June 11, 2011 at William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1969, serving three tours in Vietnam. He was a recipient of three Purple Heart Medals, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He worked for The Goldsmith, Fox Jewelers and was a Cable Linemen Supervisor for many years. He married the love of his life, Jane Merrill, in 1974 in Woodstock, Illinois. His wife Jane of 37 years survives him. Also survived by one Daughter, Tamilyn (Merrill) Crego (Nick Sr.); one Son, Todd Merrill; Granddaughters, Jennifer (David) Davies, Katlyn Merrill and KTJ Juedes; Grandson, Joshua Merrill. Great Granddaughters, Isabelle and Elizabeth Davies. He is further survived by his Mother, Luella Snyder and his Step-Dad Luther; four Brothers, Michael, John (Joan), David Brown and Dale (Bridgett) Pevonka. One Sister, Theresa (Cliff) Nehring. Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, In-laws and many other Relatives and Friends. Also his two special dog companions, Vinnie and Skittles. Jim was passionate about motorcycles. He was Past State President of the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club. He was a member of the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, DAV, American Motorcycle Association, American Rifleman Association, North American Hunting Club, Wind hover Center for the Arts, Purple Heart Association, Van Dyne Sportsmen's Club and a Past President and Life Member of the Amvets Post 41 of North Fond du Lac. Jim will be greatly missed by all!

Visitation will be held on Sunday June 19, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home Service will follow at 4 PM at Uecker Witt Funeral Home, 524 N Park Ave, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin with the Rev. Frank Seebantz officiating. Additional information and guest book may be found at [www.ueckerwitt.com](http://www.ueckerwitt.com)

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**Nick**

MOM I only knew PA for a short time but the wisdom & knowlege he possessed when we talked on the deck or down by the garden will remain with me a lifetime.He will always be my Hero.I will miss PA always,He will for ever be in our hearts.PA was blessed with a wonderful family & now he is blessed even more.My thoughts and prayers are with you & the family. Nick

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**Gus Gastineau**

You are not forgotten. Ride safe now on those golden streets. RIP

**M****mac mc donel**

our thoughts and prayers always

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**B****Brent Mulholland**

JR will be greatly missed. Though I haven't seen him in a while he always greeted me the same, a huge smile, would say my name, and never accepted a handshake it always had to be a hug, a bear hug at that. What a great man and friend. See you later. Brent

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**C****Cliff & Terry Nehring**

Jane; What can I say that you have not heard or read already about how Jim has touched someone in a positive way. Terry and I will miss him Greatly. As for me I had and always will have huge respect for Jim. Though I did not visit as often as I wanted to. He always made me feel good about myself even when I was very confused about life. I found him to be a true friend. Like Jim, I served in Vietnam during the time that Jim was there in 1965 & 66. So Jim was more than a brother-in-law to me, he was a comrade. We will miss his smile and awesome demeanor. We all lost a true HERO, both in a military & civilian sense. Jim, you will be and already are missed. See you in Heaven my FRIEND. Our prayers go out to all the family and friends of Jim. Terry & Cliff Nehring

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**L****Lester Smerling**

J.R. was a very special person to me. I looked at him as a mentor and a role model, and I always felt honored to be a part of his life. I will dearly miss him and can only hope to turn out be half the man he was, if I can make a fraction of the impact he did I would consider it a great success.

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**D****don and penny brown**

We will miss jim. Jane we love you and are here for you. Rip.

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**M****Mark & Julea Freed**

Our Deepest Sympathy to You Jane and Family. JR was Truly a Great Man and brings back so many Memories of our Times we got together. All so Special... He will be Greatly Missed. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You...

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**J****Jim and Mary Wiese**

Jane and family, We extend our sympathy to you all. So sorry we will be unable to be with you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless Jim and Mary Wiese and other members of AMVETS Post 41 snf Aux North Fond du lac

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**E****Edith Trepanier**

To Jane, Todd, and Tammy I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim was a good man and will be missed. He helped me and I thank him for that.

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**R****Rita**

My sympathy to Jane, and the family. Jim was a very kind and generous man. Jim will be missed.

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**A****Arden R. Knapp**

My deepest heartfelt sympathies to family. JR was a great man, and an inspiration to all who had the honor and privilege of knowing him. Fair winds and following seas Brother!

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**D****David J. Brunet \Buck\''''**

My thoughts and prayers are with you Jane, Todd and Tammy. J.R. was a great Brother and friend to all he meet he will be deeply missed by all.

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**L****Lydia Doiel Sudduth**

Dear Jane and family, Love and sympathy. Aunt Lydia

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**M****Mary Dart**

I am so sorry for your loss. I will truly miss Jim. He was a very special person. You and your family are in my thoughts. Cherish your memories.

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**P****Pam (Goesser) Goedderz**

Jane, I am so sorry for your loss, the world has lost a great man. I will never forget the day I met Jim at cable all those years ago, he scared me at first with his tough-guy appearance but as soon as I got to know him I was impressed with the man he was. He added so much to that special crew of people. I know I will never forget him!

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**K****Ken \Puzzlz\' Freismuth"**

My deepest sympathy to Jane, family, friends and the four-legged buddies too. JR and I knew each other since high school and we sure had some great times whether on the Harleys or just hangin' out. He was a great friend, fellow vet and just a guy with a HUGE heart. Love ya buddy!

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**D****Dan and Jay Rohde**

Jane our prayers are with you.

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**M****Matt holmesaubty**

Aunty tammy Sorry to hear for your lost. thoughts and prayers from my family to yours.

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**B****Bob & Lori Murray**

Dear Tammy, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We have all of you in our thoughts & prayers. Love you, Lori & Bob

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**S****Sue Hansen La Fond**

Jane, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy and a fun co-worker. I will remember all the fun times we had at cable, lots of laughs and friendship. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**G****Grizz**

Jane you know how I feel I had 2 brothers from the old days now only one remains I will miss J.R. Prayers are with you, Todd, and Tammy. I can't forget Vinnie and Skittles either.

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**J****Jim Barba**

Dear Jane, I am sorry to hear about Jim. I will miss JR my good friend for lots of years. Someday we will see each other with God. Take Care. Jim

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P

**Patrick & Karen Doiel**

When someone like James JR Brown is removed from this world a great wake is left behind in their path like a strong wind or tidal rush that leaves nothing untouched, and in that same way Jim moved all those around him. And like all strong influencers, thinkers, and opinionates, the chasm and void left from their loss is vast, never to be replaced. I held Jim in awe and he was one of my life-long heroes. He was a pillar of strength and fortitude, a man of few words and wisdom, a man of charm and humor. He will be sorely missed. To Jane, Tammy, Todd and the rest of Jim's family, our hearts and thoughts are with you. Patrick & Karen Doiel

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**Harry & Lori Mathos**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May your memories bring peace and comfort.

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**Dawn and Kenny**

So very sorry for your loss. Jim is in God's sweet hands. Be blessed.

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B

**Bomb & Sweet Sami**

Oh Tammy, our hearts are in pain for you and your family. We never met your dad but he must have been one helluva guy to have produced such a wonderful daughter as you. I wish that we could be there for you in person, but we have obligations in Texas pertaining to the death of our granddaughter, Kelsi. I would like to think that your dad is up there taking her for a ride on his bike and being a substitute grandpa. Remember how much we love you and I hope to see you very soon. Sami

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J

**John & Joan Brown**

There are no words to express how we feel. Not only did Jane & her family lose a very important part of their lives. We as a family, his Mother & his siblings lost someone who has been there in good times and bad for us. No matter what time of day or night if you needed help of any kind you called JR and Rub. They are the salt of the earth. JR is gone but never will he be forgotten. Thanks for all the laughs over the years!!!

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J

**Jeanie Ebling**

Ma, Tammy and Todd, words can not describe the sorrow we feel, you are always in our hearts and thoughts. We are here for you all if you need anything at all. Jim will be missed by many and the heavens have gained a wonderful, great man. Love you all.

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R

**Rick Rideout**

Jane, Tammy, and the rest of the family. My heart is heavy in learning of JR's passing. My thoughts will be of you all. RIDEOUT National Charter Member Vietnam Vets M/C

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**JERRY & MARILYN PLONSKY**

DEAR JANE & FAMILY WE SEND OUR REGRETS AND ALSO TELL YOU THAT JIM WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WE ARE ALWAYS NEAR IF YOU NEED US LOVE YOU

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J

**Jenny Davies**

Gramps, You will be missed by many. I love you so much! This isn't good bye but a see you soon. Love your Granddaughter

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K

**Kelly & Jeff**

We send our heartfelt sympathies to all! May the Lord walk with you during your time of sorrow.

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J

**Jeff Nehring**

Every time I would return to Norht Fond du Lac on leave I would visit Uncle Jim. He ALWAYS welcome me with open arms and can still hear him say, \ Welcome home\". I remember sitting with him and talking with him about anything that would come to mind. He had great insight and was a great man. Whenever I departed his prescence he would always tell me to stay safe and \ "keep your head down\" always looking out for me. I have the utmost respect for him and all he has done for this country. I will miss him and our talks. Love

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