



James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski

October 29, 2023

James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski was born to Eternal Life on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at the age of 52 years. Beloved father to Jessica and Aaron Borkowski. Son of Evelyn Borkowski (nee Rossa) and the late Daniel Borkowski. Brother and hero to Susan (Tim), the late David (Tina), and Teresa (Mike). Nephew to Uncle Rich (Annette) Borkowski and Aunt Marion (the late Ted) Janusz. Adored uncle to many nieces and nephews. Friend and brother to countless more.

Jimmy was raised in Milwaukee, where he graduated from St. Thomas More High School. He went on to bravely serve in the Milwaukee Police Department for over 26 years, retiring in 2015.

Jimmy valued family above all else, citing his late brother and firefighter David Borkowski as his hero. Jim's dedication to helping others did not stop in his lifetime; he chose to be an organ donor upon death, further aiding those in need.

Jimmy loved all things outdoors, spending quality time in the family cabin in Lake Tomahawk as well as fishing and hunting. Jimmy also loved spending time with his significant other Donna and her daughter Aspen.

In lieu of flowers, Mass Intentions at the Basilica of St. Josaphat would be gratefully appreciated.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 8 at Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel (4309 S. 20th St, Milwaukee) from 4:00-7:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 6:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, November 9 at 10:00 AM at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT (601 W. Lincoln Ave) (PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH). Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Adalbert Cemetery

3801 S. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel
4309 South 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221
(414) 281-7145
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

Vigil Service

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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4309 South 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221
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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Basilica of St. Josaphat
601 W. Lincoln Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Cemetery Committal Service

NOV 9. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Adalbert Cemetery
3801 S. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Jimmy, I will always be happy you were part of Aspen and my life. You wore your heart on your sleeve. I enjoyed the last 4 years with you, the love, and the life we had. Aspen and I love you. RIP forever my man in blue!

Donna - November 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM

TE

“ 21 files added to the tribute wall



Teresa - November 07, 2023 at 03:37 PM

GI

“ My sincere condolences to the family of James Borkowski especially his children Jessica & Aaron, on the loss of their father.

I knew Jimmy when he was a police aide for our unit at MPD early 1990's. Jimmy was one of those few police aides that was committed to the tasks assigned to him. He carried out those tasks with tenacity and zeal. Jimmy was our life-line to all our families since he fielded many calls each day in which messages were passed on to street officers and detectives. (prior to cell phones)

When Jimmy was promoted to an officer, the City of Milwaukee gained a very special officer candidate who was understanding & supportive to the Criminal Justice system.

I ran into Jimmy on occasions throughout his career and once on the Motorcycle unit he and his partner reminded me of the motorcycle duo "Officer Baker & Poncherello" from the TV series "CHIPS".

Your father was a great man and respected by his co-workers and community for many years. I'm glad to have personally known him and worked with him over the years. He was a life that left us too soon and will be missed by all who loved and respected him.

I spoke to Jimmy in 2015 just before his retirement while he was at District 6 and he was happy to have that opportunity to retire early.

Jessica & Aaron as you cope with the loss of your father may each of you and your extended families comfort each other now and into the future. Try to remember all the good times and you had with your dad because he is now on a new journey.

May he rest in peace as he rises up into the heavens to be with family members and friends that have gone before him.

God bless the both of you and your family during this difficult time.

G.L Irizarry

Geo Irizarry - November 06, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski.



November 06, 2023 at 10:13 AM

TG

“ *TAMIKA GATSON lit a candle in memory of James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski*



TAMIKA GATSON - November 06, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski.*



November 06, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski.*



November 06, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James M. "Jimmy" Borkowski.*



November 05, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ *Jim was a great guy gone too soon. I knew Jim since he was a Police Aide. Somewhere along Jim's career my husband was his supervisor. A few years ago I was taking care of my husband at home on hospice Jim reached out to us. Jim said if we needed anything he was there to help. It was so kind of him but that was the kind of person Jim was. My deepest sympathy to Jims family. I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Jim*

Jerilyn Seer - November 04, 2023 at 12:05 PM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. It was a pleasure and honor to work with Jim as Sergeants at District #1. He was one of the finest men I worked with at MPD. Rest in peace Jim and prayers to his family

Kevin Barnes - November 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM

ER

“ He was a great leader- i enjoyed working with him while at District 1.

Eric Ratzmann - November 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jessica Borkowski - November 02, 2023 at 07:31 PM

JB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Jessica Borkowski - November 02, 2023 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ There’s not enough pictures to show just how loving he was. I’ll miss him so much. ❤️



Jessica Borkowski - November 02, 2023 at 04:42 PM

GB

“ A light our lives, reunited with our other two Borkowski angels ☐



Gabby Bloedel - November 02, 2023 at 04:36 PM