



James "Jimmy" M. Soike

November 18, 2021

Of Milwaukee, departed on his final voyage November 18, 2021, at age 73 years. Survived by his son James J. Soike, mother Dolores Soike, brother Steven Soike, sisters Angeline Brandt and Geraldine (Jerry) Meloy. Dear uncle of Joseph, Daniel, Connie and Pamela. Preceded in death by his father Stanley Soike, sister Christine Soike and brother Thomas Soike. Further survived by many relatives and friends.

Jimmy was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, retired arborist for the City of Milwaukee, member of Local 113 Laborers' Union, member of American Legion Post 180 and Lifetime Member of the South Shore Yacht Club.

Jimmy loved the outdoors; sailing, fishing, hunting and nature in general. He was a craftsman of stained glass and wood working. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family appreciated.

Visitation Monday, November 29 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the ROZGA-WALLOCH CHAPEL with Military Honors to be held at 6:00 PM. Private Cremation to follow.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services

Rozga-Walloch Chapel

4309 South 20th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53221

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ I’m sorry to hear about Jim passing. He and I served together in C 2/28 1st Infantry in Vietnam. He was liked by all of us guys. We had some difficult times together but we fortunately made it home.
Curtis Gilliland of Somerset, Ky

curtis Gilliland - February 21, 2023 at 12:19 PM

G(

I have learned of Jimmy's passing. I will start to mourn Jim and I will miss them for the rest of my days. Jim and I went to high school together at BoysTech and fought in Vietnam in the same year with a number of classmates we knew. I who was in 1st Recon Battalion USMC and thought of Jim at times wondering if we would make it home with other classmates. I will never forget you and the two of us working on your boat at the Yacht Club.

Gary Staples (tumbtack) - January 21, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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Just him Corrections

Gary Staples (tumbtack) - January 21, 2024 at 04:33 PM

RW

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I served in Vietnam with him. I am from Maryland. He was a good friend. I too was in Charlie Company. By the way there is a book, "Charlie Company, What Vietnam Did to Us" that is about "us" the guys in Charlie Co. during the time we were there. I was interviewed among others by a gentleman from NewsWeek Magazine who later turned it into a book. I believe the magazine came out around Dec. 1981. The book followed maybe a year or so later.

Ron Warehime

Ronald E Warehime - May 25, 2025 at 02:40 PM

NW

“ So sorry for your loss. Jimmy and I went to prom at Boys Tech in his junior year and to my senior prom at my high school. We went to numerous dances, I attended his high school graduation and was with him at the airport when he left for Viet Nam

Noreen Wood

Noreen Wood - November 30, 2021 at 09:26 AM

MP

“ Sorry I missed you Jimmy ! , R.I.P. Always a pleasure to talk with You ! You will be missed ! Matt (RIO)

Matt Peplinski - November 29, 2021 at 10:08 PM

GG

“ Gregg Gaura purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jimmy" M. Soike.



Gregg Gaura - November 26, 2021 at 02:58 PM

SF

“ Jimmy You will be missed, RIP See you again for a shake of the day. Steve Fabus

Stephen Fabus - November 26, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Good Friends



Mary Young - November 23, 2021 at 06:42 PM



Mr. Soike I just can't get over your passing. Your Wednesday afternoon happy hours with Kato & I will be sorely missed. You have been a wonderful friend, an interesting story teller and our link to the goings on at the Club. May you have all the shucked oysters, cannibals, and Liquor 43 you can imagine.

Mary Young - November 23, 2021 at 06:55 PM

BD

Jimmy, your experiences of your time in Vietnam changed my way of thinking. You made a big impression on me. I told your story more times than I can remember to my students in my high school classes. You changed how I saw the war. For that I am eternally grateful. Rest in peace. Love to your family.

Bridget Leiskau Dickler - November 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM

LN

Please accept my deepest condolences. When I was 14, I met Jimmy. He became my first boyfriend. Lynn (St. Martin) Nowak. I never forget him.

Lynn Marie Nowak - November 30, 2021 at 08:04 AM

MM

Jimmy was a great soldier. He had a habit of brushing off the worst of things and just kept going. He was a friend and I was proud to have served with him through the hell.

Mike MacDonald - December 21, 2022 at 11:20 PM

CL

“ I can't say i knew Jimmy real well but he was always very helpful and just a super nice guy, One time I needed help towing a boat in and he jumped in to help and did a great Job. He will be missed. Craig Lake



Craig Lake - November 23, 2021 at 03:39 PM