

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Father Omar Guanchez  
Deacon Randy Altstadt  
Deacon Richard Quistorff  
Mickey Rohde

**Musicians**  
Janel Altstadt      Tom Hammers  
Isaiah Blickenstaff      Wanda Kupferschmid  
Dr. Jeff Blickenstaff      Lianna Mueller

**Gift Bearers**  
Maria Terry      Katrina Grotjahn  
David Szarke      Dan Szarke

**Casket Bearers**  
Roger Altstadt      Mike McShane  
Jim Friedsam      David Mueller  
Lonnie Grotjahn      Ryan Nelson  
Greg Hayek      Susan Rohde

**Honorary Casket Bearers**  
All of Jim's Grandchildren,  
Great Grandchildren and  
Godchildren

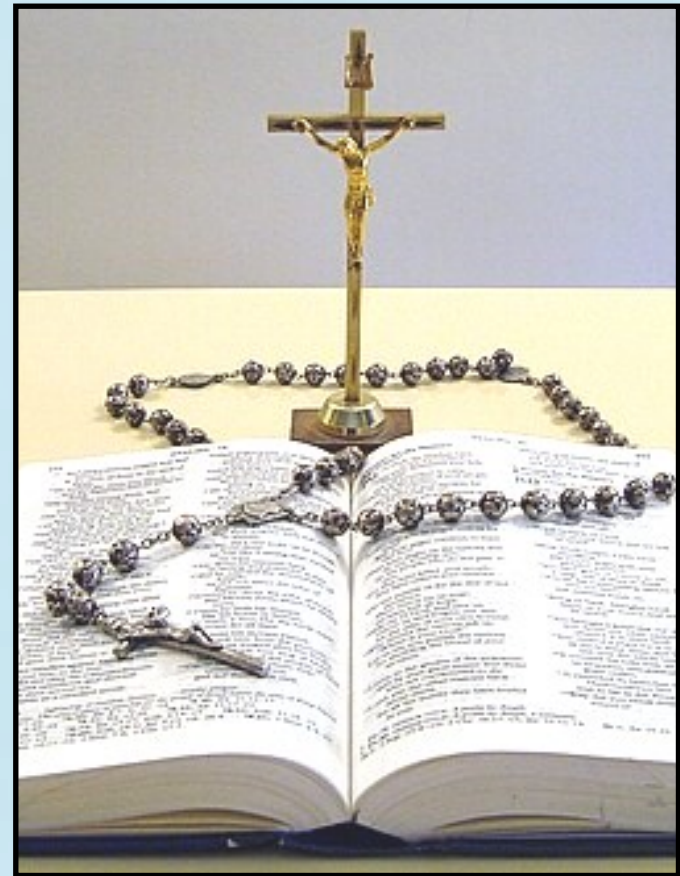
**Military Honors Provided by**  
Dent American Legion - Perham VFW  
Grand Forks Air Force Base Honor Guard

**Interment**  
St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery  
Perham, Minnesota

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*"It doesn't matter where you've been,  
It matters where you're going"*  
-Jim

# *Celebrating* T H E L I F E O F



**James "Jim" Szarke**  
October 7, 1939 - July 30, 2025



We sat beside your bedside  
**Our Hearts** were crushed and sore  
 We did our duty to the end  
 'Til we could do no more  
 In tears we watched you sinking  
 We watched you fade away  
 And though our hearts were breaking  
 We knew you could not stay  
 You left behind some aching hearts  
 that loved you **MOST SINCERE**  
 We never shall and never will  
 forget you, **LOVED ONE DEAR.**

## Funeral Mass of James Szarke

Monday, August 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.  
 St. Henry's Catholic Church - Perham, Minnesota

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|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Eulogy                  |   | Rev. Christopher Szarke  |
| Prelude                 | <i>"Wind Beneath My Wings", "Ave Maria"</i>     |                          |
| Opening Song            | <i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>                        | #818                     |
| Responsorial Psalm      | <i>"Psalm 25: To You, O Lord"</i>               |                          |
| New Testament Reading   | <i>Romans 14: 7-9, 10c-12</i>                   | Robin Rohde Keller       |
| Gospel Acclamation      | <i>"I Am the Living Bread"</i>                  | Boden Rohde              |
| The Gospel              | <i>Luke 12: 35-40</i>                           | Deacon Randy Altstadt    |
| Homily                  |   | Fr. Omar Guanchez        |
| Prayers of the Faithful |   | Deacon Richard Quistorff |
| Preparation of Gifts    | <i>"Hosea"</i>                                  | #529                     |
| Presentation of Gifts   |   | Jim's Children           |
| The Lord's Prayer       |   |                          |
| Communion               | <i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i><br><i>"Here I Am"</i> | #671<br>#684             |
| Song of Farewell        | <i>"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i>          | #556                     |
| Recessional             | <i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>                          | #673                     |
| Military Honors         |   |                          |
| Interment               |   |                          |

*Please join the family outside of church  
 immediately after Mass for Military Honors and a  
 luncheon in the church basement.*