

James A. Pauly, age 74, died October 1, 2025, with his family by his side in Perham, MN.

James (Jim) was born June 17, 1951 in Shakopee, MN, to James and Florence Pauly from Carver, MN. Jim was fascinated by trains from little on and worked for the railroad his entire adult life. He was a long-time resident of Brainerd, MN before he moved to Perham to reside on property that his grandparents homesteaded on Little Pine Lake.

Jim lived his life simply and in his own way. Though he made a good living, he re-used everything. Whether it was having parents who grew up in the depression or his commitment to the values of St. Francis, Jim never threw anything away if he thought he could use it down the road. You could often find him playing the card games, sheephead, or cribbage with his family or friends in the fish house or at the cabin. He loved fishing, his motorcycle, VW Bug, and music. He was a devout catholic, committed to prayer and the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Florence Pauly. He is survived by his brother, Terry (Becky) Pauly; sisters, Mary (Mike) Huss, Joan (Dan) Schneider; along with beloved nephews and nieces, cousins, friends and extended family members.

I N L O V I N G  
*Memory*



*James Allen Pauly*

June 17, 1951 - October 1, 2025



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of the day  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*  
A friendship shared,  
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life has been full, I've savored much  
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**

## Memorial Mass

Friday, May 29, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.  
St. Henry's Catholic Church  
Perham, Minnesota

## Officiant

Father Nathaniel Daubner

## Musicians

Gina Cavanagh  
Tina Grewe

## Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"I Am the Bread of Life"  
"In Every Age"

## Inurnment

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery  
Perham, Minnesota