



James (Jim) Prondzinski

July 16, 1942 - May 18, 2023

*Pelican Lake Property Owners Association President 2014 - 2016*

Broadwater Beach

James (Jim) Prondzinski beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away at home on May 18, 2023, with his loving wife by his side. Jim was born on July 16, 1942, in Grafton, North Dakota, to John and Stella Prondzinski. He graduated from St. James High School in Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota in 1965. On July 23, 1966, he married Janice (Jan) Hart, and they began a life of adventure over 56 years. In 1969, Jim attended Officer Candidate School and began a career as an Army Intelligence Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Prondzinski retired in 1990 after 22 years of intriguing intelligence assignments. Jim then accepted the position as the Technical Director of Intelligence for the Coast Guard and thoroughly enjoyed solving real time intelligence issues. Upon retiring in 2005, Jim and Jan spent summers at their cottage on Pelican Lake in Minnesota and winters at their home at Westbrook Village in Peoria, AZ.

Traveling with Jan was a big part of his life and travel they did! From exploring all 50 states (the National Parks are at the top of the list) to overseas living and traveling, he savored it all. Jim always found time to meet new friends. He never failed to deliver a smile, brightening the day for everyone he met. His family and friends will remember him as a kind, gentle, and caring person. He was a remarkable man with a deep faith who placed his family first and foremost in his life.

Jim will be greatly missed by his wife Jan; his son Mark, daughter-in-Law Lisa and grandson Lukas of Tega Cay SC; and son Jason, daughter-in-law Leslie and grandchildren Matthew, Mollie and Carly of Plymouth, MN; brothers John (Alicia) and Bob Prondzinski; and many loving relatives and friends.

Jim had a special place in his heart for those in need. The Society of St Vincent De Paul and St Mary's Food Bank in Arizona were two organizations that he loved to support. If you would like to honor Jim, consider a donation to one of these organizations, or a charity of your choice.

Jim's funeral service will be Thursday, June 29, 2023, at St. Mary of the Lakes, 20996 County Highway 20, Detroit Lakes, MN. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. with the service at 11 a.m., followed by Interment with military honors.