



## James "Jim" Lais

November 18, 1936 - July 13, 2015

James "Jim" Lais was born on November 18, 1936 in Lismore, Minnesota one of five children of Charles & Eleanor (Hebbelman) Lais. The family lived on a farm outside of Lismore. Jim graduated from Adrian High School and furthered his education at Dunwoody Institute.

On November 17, 1962, James was united in marriage to Norma Majeres at Our Lady of Good Council in Wilmont, Minnesota. In 1966, the couple moved to Alexandria where they raised their family and Jim worked for KCMT (later KCCO TV.)

Jim loved fishing, hunting and trapping but his greatest love was his family. Jim died on Monday, July 13, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Norma; four children: Tim (Susanne) of Hoffman, Jackie Bauer of Plymouth, David (Janette) of New Hope, Julie (Bob) Shervin of Apache Junction, AZ; six grandchildren: Josh (Page), Cassandra (Alex), Katelyn, Courtney, Malaine, Candice (Justin); four great grandchildren: Matthew, Josiah, Camille, Thorsten; two brothers: Tom (Cecilia), David (Ardys); two sisters: Sheryl (Mark) Grindy, Jeannie (Dean) Peterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles & Eleanor.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home. [www.andersonfuneral.net](http://www.andersonfuneral.net)



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

723 West Winona Dr.  
Alexandria, MN 56308

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory  
659 Voyager Drive NW  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
(320) 763-5900  
mail@andersonfuneral.net  
<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

## Prayer Service

JUL 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
421 Hawthorne St  
Alexandria, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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421 Hawthorne St  
Alexandria, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Lais



Anderson Funeral Home - July 16, 2015 at 01:14 PM



*Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man.*

Lori Maher - July 16, 2015 at 04:38 PM

CA

*This is one of the most beautiful, true tributes to someone that I have ever seen. You did well in remembering a very nice guy. Even if he did tell fish stories.*

*Charlotte (Lottie Hoffman) Andrews*

Charlotte Andrews - July 16, 2015 at 11:24 PM

BM

*Our deepest sympathy on Jim's passing. Our prayers are with you all.*

Bob & Deb Majeres - July 18, 2015 at 06:36 PM

MA

*The tribute was wonderful  
Mary Lutmer*

mary - July 20, 2015 at 07:56 PM

RN

*Very nice tribute to Jim.  
Sorry for your loss.  
Gods Blessing Roy and Ruth Nodsle Family*

**Roy Nodsle** - July 24, 2015 at 11:37 PM

MB

*I miss you grandpa! And I love you very much!*

**Malaine Bauer** - October 06, 2015 at 01:12 AM

NF

*“ We just found out about Jims passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man. We always enjoyed visiting with him at his booths and seeing the wonderful stuff he had for sale. Sending all our love to Jim's family. Nicole Frederick (Wayne and Tillie's daughter)*

**Nicole Frederick** - July 24, 2015 at 04:53 PM

RH

*“ Please accept my sympathy in your deep loss.*

**Roxane Harberts** - July 21, 2015 at 06:21 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lais.*



July 20, 2015 at 04:21 PM

JT

*“ Fond memories of Jim with my years at KCMT-TV. R.I.P. John Toso*

**John Toso** - July 19, 2015 at 05:26 PM

KL

“ Remembering Jim , Infectious laugh says it all ! I remember deer hunting many yrs with Jim and our hunting party, especially the time I helped Jim drag a big buck he had shot and yes it was through knee deep snow. A fond Memory ! Keith Linder

Keith Linder - July 19, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lais.



July 18, 2015 at 11:29 AM

NR

“ A wonderful man who created, with his wonderful wife, a beautiful family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lais family as they celebrate his life.

Noel Roos and Mike Bruzik

Noel Roos - July 18, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PH

“ Sorry to hear about Jim..thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...Phyllis and Harris Haugen..

Phyllis Haugen - July 18, 2015 at 10:01 AM

LO

“ Norma, just heard the sad news about Jim today. Sure glad we could have lunch with you guys last winter in Arizona. You and your family are in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Lavonne & Dave Ott** - July 17, 2015 at 11:59 PM

VS

“ Dave, Janette & Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Gary & Val Sprynczynatyk*

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**val sprynczynatyk** - July 17, 2015 at 03:41 PM

FF

“ from your Walgreens 340B Operations Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jim" Lais.



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**from your Walgreens 340B Operations Family** - July 17, 2015 at 09:53 AM

DL

“ Dan and Laura Shervin, Margaret and Cody, Rob and Lisa purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James "Jim" Lais.



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**Dan and Laura Shervin, Margaret and Cody, Rob and Lisa** - July 16, 2015 at 04:54 PM

LP

“ Sorry to hear about Jim passing. I enjoyed working with him for many years with the Jaycee's Jingle Bells Telethon, always a smile on his face and fun to joke around with! Cherish the memories as you celebrate his life!  
Lorene Pitcher



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**Lorene Pitcher** - July 16, 2015 at 11:06 AM

GN

“ I was at the end of your Garden Tour on Sunday and so enjoyed visiting with you while you showed me your beautiful flowers and yard. So sorry to now hear Norma of this sadness and loss that has hit your family. My prayers and sympathy to you all.  
Gwen Nelson

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**Gwen Nelson** - July 16, 2015 at 08:06 AM

RP

“ Rapid P. purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of James "Jim" Lais.



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**Rapid P.** - July 15, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ Organic Sympathy Crate was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lais.



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July 15, 2015 at 12:05 PM

GM

“ Gary And Carol McPhail lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lais



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**Gary and Carol McPhail** - July 15, 2015 at 11:22 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Unlce Jim's passing. You guys have been in our thoughts and prayers. We talked about the time when we were camping in Alexandria and Jim took the time to pick up our boys with the boat and take them fishing.  
Love,  
Jon and Kristi Fuerstenberg and family

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**Jon Fuerstenberg** - July 15, 2015 at 10:09 AM

SL

“ Norma, I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I always enjoyed working with Jim at KCMT/KCCO. He was cheerful, helpful and kind, not to mention talented in his work. He always had a ready smile for all he encountered, and I loved his laugh. All these years later, I remember him as one of my favorites. God bless you and your family in your time of sadness.  
Sally (Baltes) Lunsford

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**Sally(Baltes) Lunsford** - July 15, 2015 at 08:55 AM

BV

“ Norma , I m so sorry for your loss you are in my prayers.  
My God give you comfort and healing .  
Bless you and your family Gaby Bieschke - Vokaty

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**Becky Bieschke Vokaty** - July 15, 2015 at 08:22 AM

DJ

“ Dear Norma and Family,,I am so sorry to hear of Jlm's passing away. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers !! Diane (Schoeberl) Johnson

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**Diane Johnson** - July 15, 2015 at 07:25 AM

AL

“ To Norma and Family:

*I had a wonderful day this past Sunday at Jim and Norma's. The Garden Tour and seeing and helping friends and past co-workers. Jim was so proud of all the accomplishments he had done for Norma. I will always remember those wonderful and precious memories of him. Love the Lais' Arlene Linder*

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**Arlene Linder** - July 14, 2015 at 06:12 PM



Renee Harberts

To Norma and family,

*I remember Jim from growing up on the farm in Lismore/St. Kilian. He had a warm smile and easy manner. Quick to laugh. He gave me tractor rides....and not everybody has that on their life's resume. Good memories! My prayers and love go out to you. God bless. Cousin Renee/Harberts/Lais*

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**Renee Harberts** - July 15, 2015 at 10:42 AM

BL

Norma and Family

*So sorry to hear of Jim's passing into his heavenly home . He is reuniting with his parents. And watching over all of u. fond memories of jim from our younger days at all,of our. Family reunions*

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**Bob and Mary Lutmer** - July 15, 2015 at 12:00 PM

RB

*R.I.P. Jim, Family reunion won't be the same without you. God bless from the entire Boecker family.*

**Robert Boecker** - July 15, 2015 at 09:48 PM

JK

*My one regret...Jim and I never got to fish together. I guess now he's with the ultimate fisherman now. He always loved "the red head"...and I hope you can feel some comfort in the coming days Norma.*

**Joe Korkowski** - July 16, 2015 at 08:13 AM

TM

*Norma and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you!  
Tom and Linda Mulder*

**Tom and Linda Mulder** - July 18, 2015 at 08:23 PM