



James R. Gosh

September 28, 1932 - December 21, 2023

James R. Gosh died December 21, 2023, at 91 years of age. Born September 28, 1932, in the Village of Arnott, Portage County, Wisconsin, he spent his childhood and youth in Arnott and Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and a Master of Science Degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

At the early age of 15 he showed his design and mechanical skills by starting his own business converting bicycles into Whizzer motorbikes, as well as repairing tractors at his father's farm implement shop. He designed and built several complete homes, including his first project, a house for his parents, while still in college. One project he enjoyed describing was a geodesic dome house built in St Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, having been hired for his math and crew leading skills. He also designed and built numerous home additions and remodeling projects. He had a passion to take his family on camping adventures across the U.S. and continued his travels into his later years. Family travels were in various types of campers which he designed and built across the decades. He was a self-taught boat builder, building a cabin cruiser for boating and skiing on the Chain O' Lakes, and later a houseboat to spend parts of five summers cruising and camping on the Mississippi River.

Jim taught high school math for 31 years and retired from Deerfield High School, Deerfield, Illinois, at age 55. During Jim's lengthy retirement he used his design and building skills to serve his Lord Jesus on many Christian projects. He applied his teaching skills to leading Bible studies and appreciated being a part of prayer groups and men's Bible studies. He found retirement to be productive and satisfying. He strongly urged others to live a thrifty lifestyle so they could retire early and experience the joy of serving the Lord.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude Kirschling Gosh and Neufrey M. Gosh, as well as his sister, Dorothy (Eric) Konkol.

Jim is survived by his wife Edith Sheedlo-Gosh of Antioch, IL; sister Annette Gosh, of Plover, WI; daughter Gail (Doug) Freedman of North Barrington, IL, son Glenn Gosh of Lake Villa, IL, daughter Elizabeth (Thomas) Rasmussen of Grayslake, IL, and daughter Anita Grinnell of Fox Lake, IL; seven grandchildren, Robert Peck, Margaret (Scott) Beattie, Michael Gosh, Daniel (Megan) Rasmussen, Matthew Rasmussen, Katy Grinnell, and Marlee (Arturo) Novoa; and five great-grandchildren Fiona, McKenzie, Payton, Brett, and DJ.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until the service at 5:00 p.m. at the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 43 W. Grass Lake Road, Lake Villa, Illinois.

If you desire to leave a memorial gift, Jim would have been pleased to have you make a donation to the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, or the church of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Chain Of Lakes Community Bible Church
43 W. Grass Lake Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I believe he was my math teacher in 1968/1969 along with Mr. Doren...one semester of "matrix algebra" and one semester of "probability and statistics." He talked about his trip down the Mississippi during summer vacation...a nice guy to everyone.

Jim Mills - August 12, 2024 at 01:41 PM

VM

“ I just learned of Mr. Gosh's passing. He was my absolute most favorite and memorable teacher. He not only was an amazing educator, but was a true mentor to the kids he taught. I turned to him twice when I needed advice and guidance, and never even considered my guidance counselor. He was an inspiration, and a truly decent human being. I still think of him often and will continue to honor his legacy. - Valerie Manning

Valerie (Puszynski) Manning - January 10, 2024 at 07:36 PM

BR

“ 8 files added to the album Teacher, Builder, Bible Study Leader



Beth Rasmussen - January 01, 2024 at 07:56 AM

LK

“ Mr. Gosh was a favorite teacher and instilled a love of math in me. His class was so much fun because he was fun, yet serious. I would like to think I am passing on the love of math to my students as he did to his students. I am awed to read about all he did after retirement. A very good man.

Laura Botker Kilgour - December 30, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DL

“ What a wonderful man and teacher. One of the few I still recall (fondly) 40 years later. I'll always be thankful how he supported me, in the early days of PCs, to write programs that would do my trig homework. RIP Mr. Gosh!

Doug Laney - December 30, 2023 at 12:25 PM

JE

“ Jim was an example of using his retirement well, serving others, helping the needy, leading men's groups, sharing the gospel and many other ways. He lived in light of eternity. When I saw him for the last time in the hospital, he was confident of his future eternal home. I will miss him!

John Engberg - December 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM

AT

I was honored to have served with Jim on the elder board. His love for the Lord was evident by his love for others and his service to others. I always enjoyed his many stories of how him and Edie served in Texas, one of his great passions. I loved being greeted with his great big smile. He will be missed! Thank you Jim for being a great example for us all! Love the T's

Armando Tijerina - December 27, 2023 at 01:36 PM

PV

Jim was a great example of how to steward one's life for service to his Lord. He exemplified grace, there was a time when I needed encouragement and Jim was there to give it. I will miss his presence at Chain of Lakes. He was a wonderful man of God.

Paul Varnum - December 29, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MW

A great teacher. We still talk about him after over 40 years since graduating. RIP.

Matt Wesselhoff - December 30, 2023 at 02:42 AM

RS

Whenever I saw Jim at Deerfield High he had a smile on his face. He made silly little jokes and always seemed to be content with life. I understand why his students liked him so much.

Randy Schultz - December 31, 2023 at 09:13 PM