



James S. Grot

April 26, 1943 - January 20, 2026

James S. Grot age 82 of Dixon died Tuesday January 20, 2026 at OSF St Katharine Hospital in Dixon. He was born April 26, 1943 in Ottawa, IL the son of Wilbur and Eleanor (Wruck) Grot. He worked for the Illinois Dept. of Mental Health for 35 years and was the Administrator at the Jack Mabley Developmental Center.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and was a founding member of St. Patrick's St Vincent DePaul Society. Jim served on and was a past president of the Board of Directors at the Leydig Center and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Rotary.

Jim married Sharon Pavett January 21, 1967 in Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Judy Harmon.

Jim is survived by his wife Sharon, children Jonathan (Christine) Grot of Amesbury, MA, Kristin (Paul) Rabideau of Freeport, Jennifer (Matthew) Morrison of Columbus, OH, James A. (Kara) Grot of Dixon, Stephan Grot of Omaha, NE, 16 grandchildren, and one brother Donald (Suzanne) Grot of Seal Beach, CA.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday January 24, 2026 at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Private burial will follow at Grand Detour Cemetery. Visitation will be on Saturday January 24, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM at the Church. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to St Mary School and the St Vincent DePaul Society. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Grand Detour Cemetery

Grand Detour, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sharon and family we are heartbroken and send our deepest sympathy. Jim was such a good friend and it is so hard to believe he is gone. We love you Sharon and want you to know that we are here for you. May God Bless you all always. Love, Paul and Noreen Roubian

Noreen Roubian - January 25 at 07:27 PM

DL

“ Jim will be missed, he was a wonderful man and co worker and will be missed. David and Cheryl Long and family

David and Cheryl Long - January 25 at 11:36 AM

LP

“ Dr. Jim Grot was one of the kindest, most family oriented Christian men I've had the pleasure of knowing. Jim and Sharon attended my wedding in Kankakee IL in 1987 as Jim was a friend of my father-in-law, Vic Perez. In 1990 I was hired at the Mabley Ctr and Jim was our Administrator. He was such a happy soul who brought joy to all he knew/ met. Jim and Sharon were very involved in the “ Marriage Encounter” weekend experiences through their church and were warm and welcoming when we attended one. Jim had such a positive impact on my life and I am so very thankful to have been blessed to know him. See you again one day, Jim!



Lisa Perez

Lisa Perez - January 23 at 05:17 PM

TF

“ The Dyer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James S. Grot.



The Dyer Family - January 23 at 05:17 PM

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“ The Dyer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James S. Grot.

The Dyer Family - January 23 at 05:17 PM

JB

“ Jerry, Jen & Emme Bennett purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James S. Grot.



Jerry, Jen & Emme Bennett - January 23 at 08:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James S. Grot.



January 22 at 08:33 PM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to all of Jim’s family. Jim was my supervisor at Fox Developmental Center. Never having considered myself in a position to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology, Jim mentored and encouraged me to do so; without any doubt or reservations that I would succeed. Without his confidence and support, I’m not sure my life would have taken such a fulfilling direction. He was just that considerate, kind and encouraging to everyone he met. He often talked about the loves of his life: his wife and his children. I was always so impressed with his obvious adoration of his family. Lastly, his faith was simply who he was. I considered myself so blessed to cross paths with your husband and father, and I thank you for sharing him. Rest in peace, Dr. Grot.
Sandra Story, Psy.D.

Sandra Story - January 22 at 07:15 PM

DD

“ In 1980 Dr Grot hired me at Dixon Dev Ctr. When it closed, I followed him to Tinley Park and We rode back-and-forth together on weekends. That’s when I got to know the kind, generous, smart Jim Grot outside the workplace. When he returned to Dixon I followed him to the Mabley Center. Under his direction we were known as a premier facility to meet the needs of adults with special needs, especially those who were deaf and blind. Jim was always advocating for ways to improve services while supporting our staff members. You also knew that if you had any issue, you better come to him with a way to solve the problem. A great man, a wonderful psychologist, a great boss and someone I would call my friend. RIP
Dr Grot

Deb Dickinson - January 22 at 06:37 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James S. Grot.



January 22 at 01:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James S. Grot.



January 22 at 12:24 PM



“ We were fortunate to know Jim and call him a friend. Jim modeled such goodness. He taught us so much just by being himself. His faith life was at the center of all he did. He brought others to that faith by being Jim. He will be so missed. Our sincere sympathy to all the Grots. Jean and Steve Spohn



Jean - January 21 at 08:28 PM



So Sorry to hear this , i was thinking about Jim the other day, i knew Jim when my dad and I were hauling the scrap metal from the Leydig centre, I always thought the world Jim and always enjoy chatting with him, it hit hard to hear this, Thanks Jim for the friendship, chats and all the wonderful e-mail

Shannon Thompson - January 22 at 07:04 PM