



DANA JAMES PONGRATZ

November 16, 1959 - March 19, 2023

Dana James Pongratz, age 63, of La Crescent, MN died peacefully on March 19, 2023 at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, WI. He was born on November 16, 1959 in Tomah, WI to John Dana and Ruth Elaine (Uischner) Pongratz. He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1978 and attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, earning a degree in computer science. He married Kimberly Ann DeWitt on September 25, 1982 and celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year.

Dana always put a smile on everyone's face with his great sense of humor and the "dad" jokes he would tell. He was an avid photographer and loved taking pictures of the outdoors. Some of his best memories were the countless concerts he attended and loved playing and listening to music.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; three children, Jessica (John) Glasspoole, Tyler (Katie) Pongratz, and Colin (Chelsie Eden) Pongratz; four grandchildren, Megan and Caitlin Glasspoole, Kora and Kada Pongratz; father, John Pongratz; sister, Peggy (Nick) Burg; and, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Ruth Pongratz, father-in-law Roger DeWitt, niece and nephew Nicole and Shane DeWitt, and his grandparents.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 1st at 11:30 am at the Four

Seasons Community Center in Caledonia, MN. Visitation from 10 am until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Four Seasons Community Center
900 North Kingston St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

A Celebration of Life

APR 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

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900 N. Kingston St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-4000

Tribute Wall



“ Peggy/Nick - my heart goes out to you and family!
This is a very difficult time and grief overwhelming. May our Lord watch over you now. Find comfort and peace knowing your Dad is surrounded by Angels, Jesus and those who he loved .

Cstherine Guth Gray, Orville Guth - August 01, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of DANA JAMES PONGRATZ.



March 30, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of DANA JAMES PONGRATZ.



March 29, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of DANA JAMES PONGRATZ.



March 24, 2023 at 09:51 PM

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“ Marie Eglinton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of DANA JAMES PONGRATZ.



Marie Eglinton - March 23, 2023 at 05:01 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all.



Teresa MacLeod - March 23, 2023 at 01:38 PM