



## Joachim "Jim" R. Gocht

January 21, 1939 - August 10, 2013

Joachim "Jim" R. Gocht, age 74, died Saturday, August 10, 2013 at his home in rural Ithaca. He was born January 21, 1939 in Crivitz, WI the son of Albert and Anna (Carstens) Gocht. On June 16, 1973 Jim married Janet Humke in Beloit, Wisconsin. Jim enlisted in the United States Army and joined Special Forces and served in the Vietnam War.

Jim was a Service Manager at Evans Industrial Communications for several years and then moved to Richland Center and worked as a Systems Engineer at General Communications in Richland and the surrounding counties. Jim was very meticulous and passionate about his work. He enjoyed camping, bird watching, photography, and especially enjoyed the surroundings of the earth sheltered home he designed and helped construct. Jim had a special place in his heart for his three brilliant grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Janet Gocht of rural Ithaca; 2 children, Jeff (Brenda) Gocht of Belleville, WI; Angye Fox of Tampa Bay, Florida; 3 grandchildren, Megan and Alex Gocht of Belleville and Patrick "PJ" Fox of Tampa Bay, FL; a brother, Peter Gocht and a sister-in-law, Nita Gocht both of Chicago; a mother-in-law, Helen Humke of Beloit; 2 sister-in-laws, Carol (Ron) Warren of Louisville, Kentucky, Nancy (Harold) Kressin of Beloit; 2 brother-in-laws, David (Connie) Humke of Fitchburg, Brian (Ann) Humke of Greenville, S.C.; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home at 1:30 PM with George Burnham officiating. Friends may call on Wednesday at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 1:30 PM. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Dear Jim,

*We met on Facebook, one Nam vet talking to another Nam vet. We shared the same political philosophy. I always looked forward to your posts which broke things down accurately and we were always on the same page. I enjoyed teasing you at times about being old, although we are close in age. I have great respect for your duty to country and what you did in the military.*

*I came here looking for you as I had not seen any of your posts for several days and wondered if you were ill or on vacation somewhere. I was saddened to learn that you had gone to the big Special Forces Camp in heaven. This is indeed a sad day for me. I told you once that next time I visited Wisconsin I would make it a point to stop by and meet you in person, I guess I will have to wait until I get to the big MP station in the sky. Rest in peace old faithful warrior*

*Sal Molina*

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**Sal Molina - San Antonio, TX - Facebook friend - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ *I never had the pleasure to meet Jim in real life, living on another continent, but I've learned to know him through his posts on internet. I'll miss his humor, his kindness. Rest in peace dear friend and we'll meet in another life I hope!!!*

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**Petrouschka Colomé - Francon - Friend - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SW

“ I wanted to share with the family of Jim Gocht that I had a great amount of respect for Jim's military service and his expertise with the radio systems that the Iowa County Sheriffs Office used. There were a few times that we got to see each other at 2 AM, not by choice, but because of some sort of failure that Jim seemed to easily find and fix.

He was dedicated and certainly hardworking, I will remember him for a long time. Please accept my sympathy.

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**Steve Michek - Dodgeville, WI** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Jim's love for his family and appreciation for the land around him will always stick with me as a fond childhood memory. God watch over and bless those Jim has left behind. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Paula Markley - Plainfield, IL - Niece** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Janet, Jeff, Brenda, & family,

*We just wanted to extend our condolences to all of you during this difficult time. Please know that we are thinking and praying for you!*

*Our family was very lucky to have Jim as a neighbor for many, many, years. Dad (Bernard) has told me about the many times that he needed a helping hand and Jim was always willing to help as much as he could. He even helped to pull a calf when the rest of us were gone to school or had moved away. Jim will always have a special place in my heart for being there to help my Dad when I could not. Thank You Jim! May you rest in peace!*

*Sincerely,*

*Mark Lins*

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**Mark & Ann Lins - Lodi, WI - Friend / old Neighbor - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

BD

“ *Jim inspired me to have a greater appreciation for the outdoors. When I hear the birds singing or the owls hoot I think of Jim. I will forever treasure his words of advice and the love he had for us.*

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**Brenda Gocht - Belleville, WI - Daughter-in-Law - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ As a friend of Jim's brother Pete - we met years ago and more recently maintained a friendship through the social media. We sparred often - he being the liberal and me the conservative. It was a 'friendly' disagreement and we enjoyed the exchange of barbs and jokes. I remember how thoughtful Jim was when my husband was killed last year in Afghanistan - his words always comforting. Thank you for your service sir. I shall miss 'this old soldier sends'....

*God bless you and your family.*

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**Pauline Boyle - Barrington , IL - friend** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My grandpa was very wise and was tremendously caring towards me and all other acquaintances. Many things I didn't know I know now because he was always more than willing to shine light on anything that I didn't understand well. I will always wield the knowledge he gave me and be thankful that he was there to give me that knowledge. I will forever cherish the love that I have for my grandpa and the love he had for me.

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**Alex Gocht - Belleville, WI - Grandson** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Because of my grandpa, I will always put ketchup on my scrambled eggs, and I will think of him every time I eat puffy Cheetos, chocolate covered peanuts, or apple turnover cookies from Oakwood*

*I will never forget the way his voice sounded when he answered the phone by saying "Gocht's"*

*I would like to thank my grandpa for allowing my dream of becoming a nurse to come true. It hurts my heart knowing he will not be there when I graduate, but I know how proud of me he was. I will always feel his love and generosity when I am caring for my patients.*

*I will never say goodbye, as he will forever be in my heart. I love you grandpa!*

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**Megan Gocht - Belleville, WI - Granddaughter - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

MG

“ Because of grandpa, we will always know the "correct way to call to a coyote or owl in order to get them to respond

*Thanks to his "care packages" he always sent home with us, we will successfully be able to break the window of our car as it is sinking in water, fight off an attacker with pepper spray, live off granola bars in case of a natural disaster, and stitch ourselves back together thanks to a very extensive first aid kit*

*Our grandpa could make anybody laugh by simply being himself*

*We all would have fallen on our faces in the woods without his homemade walking sticks*

*Whenever we hear the word "battery" we will always think of his unique pronunciation of the word*

*We will never forget the noise he made when he stood up from the couch*

*We spent almost every weekend of our childhood with him and grandma Janet at their beautiful home. We would not be the people we are today without the love and influence of our grandpa Jim.*

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**Megan and Alex Gocht - Belleville, WI - Granddaughter and Grandson** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jim became a friend when I worked as a dispatcher at W.P.&L years ago. He was always willing to come when we had problems regardless of the time of day or night. We had many discussions during his numerous service calls. He was a great guy.

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**Jim Laverty - Mineral Point, WI - Friend** - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Janet, please accept this expression of my sympathy upon the loss of your husband. Mother told me after she had phoned your mom. She asked that I also include her condolences as well. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Dennis Polglaze - Dodgeville, WI - high school classmate of Janet** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Jim was a great person. It was an honor to have Jim as a mentor during my brief time at Evans Industrial Communications. He helped me to learn the in's and out of two-way radio. Because of Jim, I am at a great point in my life working for Motorola. His room filling voice will be missed.

*Matt Orr*

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**Matt Orr - Portage, WI - Old Co-worker** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We did not see Jim often which was our loss. Jim was always friendly and pleasant and easy to visit with and we will miss him. Our sympathy to all Jim's family. Sincerely Bruce and Dar Perkins.

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**Bruce and Dar Perkins - janesville , WI - friend** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Angye & PJ, I offer my deepest condolences on your tremendous loss. I am lifting you up in prayer.

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**Fritzi - tampa, FL - friend** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My heart goes out to an outstanding lady on the loss of her father. We know the pain associated with this loss. Angye was always there to comfort me on the loss of a daughter, two years ago. My heart and love are with her as she must return to Wisconsin for her father's service! Arch

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**Arch Deal - Odessa, FL - Close friend** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jim: We communicated once on social media and I remember the things you said. I never got to meet you in person but I wish I could have. You had a great gift in life the blessing of a large family. You seemed like the kind of person I could have talked to for hours. Thank you for your service to our country.

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**John Emery - St. Petersburg, FL** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ The Badgers are red. The Packers are green & gold. In the sport of life, you taught me to be brave & bold. I hear your words in my head, Pop, and your memory lives on through me. I love you, Dad, always and forever. Angye

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**Angye Fox - Tampa, FL - Daughter** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jim was easy to respect, talk to and admire. He was always willing to talk for a minute and help with questions. We shared the like for working on radios and equipment that helped others. He always showed me respect, no matter where we were. His smile was cool to see, and his service to our country very admirable.

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**Chad Kanable - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Jim was a good friend and wonderful person. Kind, brave, courageous, outgoing, and patriotic. He had a great intellect and a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed.*

*My sympathies to out to his wonderful family-he was truly blessed.*

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**Nita Gocht - Chicago, IL - brother"s ex wife** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM