

Thompson, James M. "Jim", MADISON

- James M. "Jim" Thompson, age 70, passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at The Willows, after an extended illness. Jim was born on Sept. 10, 1935, in Black River Falls, to A. MacClure and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Thompson. They preceded him in death. Jim attended Madison public schools and graduated from Madison West High School in 1954. He attended UW-Platteville for one year, then graduated from Madison Business College in 1961. Jim worked for a time for Sycom, formerly Professional Budget Plan, and several other local businesses. He served for several years in the U.S. Army Reserves. Jim really enjoyed participating in barbershop quartet singing, square dancing, camping, water sports, the Green Bay Packers, UW Badgers, and his chocolate lab, Choco. He is survived by his three children, David (Cindy) Thompson of Woodbridge, Va., Paul Thompson of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and Julie McManamy of Sun Prairie; six grandchildren; a niece; and several cousins. Besides his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, William L. Thompson. A memorial gathering will be held at GUNDERSON EAST FUNERAL HOME, 5203 Monona Drive from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005. Memorials may be made in Jim's name to WAGS Inc., 1338 Dewey Court, Madison, WI 53703. This is an organization that trains dogs to assist the physically disabled. The family wishes to thank the staff at The Willows for all their support and tender loving care. Gunderson East Funeral & Cremation Centers 5203 Monona Drive (608) 221-5420.