

Obituary: James M. Haney dies at 67

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James M. Haney, 67, passed away on Dec. 2, 2021, in a Madison, Wis. hospital. He was a retired professor from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and had also served 10 years in state government as director of communications for then-Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle.

He was born in New London, Wis., on Aug. 2, 1954, the third child of Abner and Mae (Uelmen) Haney. He was a graduate of New London Senior High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Ripon College and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Iowa.

Haney began his service at UW-Stevens Point in 1981 and left in 1991 to serve as research and information director for the Wisconsin Department of Justice and communications director to the attorney general. He returned to UWSP in 2000 and served as head of the Communication Division, associate dean and 13 months as interim Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. He returned to full-time teaching in 2012 and retired in 2016.

He was a world traveler and avid reader. He was a faithful fan of the Packers, Brewers, and Bucks and delighted in discussing politics.

He is survived by his siblings: Joyce Levenhagen, and Dan Haney (Mike Diestler); nephew, Troy Levenhagen; niece, Lynn (Adam) Swoverland; grandnephew, Joseph (Joey) Levenhagen, as well as extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, William Levenhagen.

Due to Covid, masks are encouraged for those attending Jim's memorial service.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, New London with Fr. John Kleinschmidt officiating.

Interment will be in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Cline-Hanson Funeral Home New London is assisting the family with arrangements.
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