



James "Big Jim" Williams

May 14, 1962 - October 9, 2021

James "Big Jim" R. Williams, age 59 of Clare, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland after a short illness. Jim was born the son of Robert Bruce and Fern Lucille (Wentworth) Williams on May 14, 1962 in Mt. Pleasant. Jim was a graduate of Clare High School before earning his Associates Degree at Michigan State. He worked for a beef cattle farm in Lowell as a Herdsman; he then worked for the Delfield Company for 27 years running their thermoforming department. After retiring from Delfield he owned an upholstery business, Three Oaks Upholstery in Harrison. Jim was very active in Clare County 4-H his entire life and was always willing to help anyone in his community. Jim led the Clare County 4-H Livestock Judging team to back-to-back State Champions. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and spent many fall days out in the woods or at the family property with family and friends enjoying life and always up for a good bonfire. He was a member of the Our Lady of Hope Parish as well as the Knights of Columbus. As always, "Go Green, Go White"

Jim is survived by his daughters René (Cory) Lynch of Ravenna and Blair (Thomas) Woodgate of Shepherd; his mother Fern (Bill) White of Farwell; his sister Annette (Dan) Forbes of Clare; a brother Eric White of Clare; two grandchildren Naomi Lynch and Thomas Woodgate; many nieces and nephews and the mother of his daughters Judy Williams of Harrison. Jim was predeceased by his father Robert and a stepbrother Isaiah White.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11 A.M. at the Our Lady of Hope Parish with Monsignor Francis Koper officiating. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made towards Jim's medical expenses. On line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Arthur Township Cemetery

2500 S. Athey Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My condolences to Big Jim’s family
I graduated with Big Jim and we definitely had some good times.
Big Jim will be missed
Ash*

Dave Asher - October 17, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MB

“ *It was always known if Jim was in the room, he had a great
presence, booming voice and always some encouraging or funny to
say, usually both. Didn't matter what was going on in his world, he
was genuinely interested in yours and making it better. He will be
berry missed here but greatly welcomed I heaven.*

Matt benic - October 18, 2021 at 06:03 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James "Big Jim" Williams.*



October 14, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of James "Big Jim" Williams.*



October 13, 2021 at 08:09 PM

PM

“ Jim was a wonderful friend, a kind man, and probably one of Ron's best friends. They enjoyed many hunting and fishing outings together. Jim is in most of my fondest memories of 4H. It always amazed me at Jim and Ron's hard work and determination to make the best 4H experiences for the Clare 4H kids with whatever resources or ways they could come up with. They were a great team. I always looked forward to our campfire at the end of fair to share laughs and memories.

At our house, Jim wasn't known as Big Jim but as Farmer Jim by our grandson, Alex. He was always eager to visit Jim and his farm animals.

We will miss Jim, but he and Ron are probably once again enjoying all the hunting and fishing trips they can do. Love you Big Jim.

Pat Morley - October 13, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Williams.



October 12, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James "Big Jim" Williams.



October 12, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Jim was a wonderful presence in the large animal barn at the Clare County Fair. He was a great mentor and friend to many youth over the years. The 4-H community was better because of him. Rest in Peace Jim.

Christine Burns - October 12, 2021 at 11:26 AM

PB

“ All the bonfires, cookouts, screaming at the TV during a Spartans game and hunting property fun will never be the same...a chair will always be empty. You will be so missed...no one will ever replace you in our hearts. Rest peaceful Jim.. until we meet again. Love you forever..Buck and Pam

Pam and Brian Bucknarish - October 12, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jim will be missed.

Jaynie Hoerauf - October 12, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JR

“ Big Jim, I will miss you my friend! The class of 1980 won't be the same without you, but we will all meet you again! Prayers for Jim's family, Julie Gedney Rank

Julie Gedney Rank - October 12, 2021 at 04:25 AM

C(

“ “Big Jim” and I graduated together, also rode the same bus for many years! Such a kind guy! Prayers for all his family and friends! RIP

cheryl Temple (Teall) - October 11, 2021 at 07:22 PM

VW

Sorry for your loss! May God Bless you!

Victoria Wonch - October 12, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BH

“ *So surprised and saddened by the death of this man. So young, too young. You all are in my heart during this difficult time.*

Bruce Hales - October 11, 2021 at 06:45 PM

ML

I did not know Jim personally, but my son Carl Lynch graduated with him. he remembers him as a really good person and was sorry to hear of his passing. When I read his obituary I realized that I had went to grade school (at Carrow country school) with his father Robert. Also my father Carl Bradley had his grandfather Bruce Williams as his teacher at the same country school. I offer my condolences to your family.

Marjorie (Bradley) Lynch-Park - October 14, 2021 at 09:49 AM