



James L. Gray II

January 27, 1942 - September 26, 2019

James L. "Jim" Gray II, age 77 of Clare, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI., with his family by his side. On January 27, 1942, Jim was born the son of James L. and Josephine (Smalec) Gray in Lansing, MI. He was united in marriage to Pamela Kogler on December 8, 2005 in Las Vegas. Jim was a proud career employee of General Motors, having worked as an engine design draftsman for its Oldsmobile division for 38 ½ years. Shortly after his retirement from GM in 1998, Jim decided to move permanently from Lansing to the Harrison area where he bought his retirement cottage on Townline Lake. Jim had a great passion for riding his Harley-Davidson trike and traveling to Florida during the cold Michigan winters. He also enjoyed bowling during his younger years, fishing with family and friends, spending time on the golf course, and cooking some of his "famous recipes". Those that knew Jim well will remember his sense of humor and love for the social aspects of life. Jim is survived by his wife Pamela Gray of Clare, his children James (Eve) Gray III of Mason, MI., Mark (Pamela) Gray of Grand Ledge, MI., Heather (Felix) Garcia of Lansing, MI., and his step-children Carrie (Dave) Baker of Clare and Terry (Charlene) Cook of Clare. He is also survived by his sister Cynndy Majdeski of Zephyrhills, FL., his grandchildren Joshua, Jacob, Justen, Jessica, Katelyn, Aaron, Morgan, Devin, Anthony, Kayla, Jonathan, Mason, Lauren, Jace, and Caitlyn, many great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and his first spouse Karen Burghdoff. Jim was preceded in death by

his parents James and Josephine Gray, his sister Virginia Miller, and his brother William Gray.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of Jim's life will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Eagles Club of Harrison located at 5002 E. Townline Lake Rd, Harrison, MI 48625. Memorial contributions in honor of Jim may be directed to the Cancer foundation. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared on the Gray family page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **12.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrison Eagles Club
5002 E. Townline Lake Road
Harrison, MI 48625

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Pam, Cynndy, & family,
Our condolences. Jim lived life and loved life to the fullest. Always
laughing, always smiling, never letting things get him down. Bucky &
Cheryl Loucks

Cheryl Loucks - October 12, 2019 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ Pam, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's
passing. We just remember him as such a
happy guy, always laughing, and full of fun.
May God bless you and your family at this
time. RIP Jim.

Guy & Sue Haneckow

Sue Haneckow - October 12, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of James L. Gray II.



October 12, 2019 at 09:29 AM

SC

“ So sorry to the Gray family. Our thoughts are with you on Saturday.
The Corey's.

Scott Corey - October 11, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Gray II.



October 06, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ Robin Green sent a virtual gift in memory of James L. Gray II



Robin Green - October 03, 2019 at 10:06 PM



I haven't known Jim very. But he had an infectious Smile my heart goes out to Pam and the family

Robin Green - October 03, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ So sorry Pam for your loss.

Lucy Mateman - October 03, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ Cynndy and family we are so sorry for your loss, sending prayers from Lansing.

Amy, Mary Lee & Lorri Miller

lorri miller - October 03, 2019 at 09:21 AM

BH

“ Karen my thoughts and Prayers to you and your family.



Beth Vanden Heuvel - October 02, 2019 at 08:04 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim was our classmate at Lansing Eastern. Our sincere condolences in this time of sorrow.



EHS Class of 1959

Mary DiFiore Pulford - October 02, 2019 at 08:41 AM

EC

“ Such a fun loving person, we remember the birthday party Pam threw for you at Scooters in Harrison. No matter what you did you enjoyed it to the max, Ed and I will miss you with happy memories. R I P dear friend.

Ed and Carolyn Cranson - September 30, 2019 at 06:16 PM



Beverly Ellis

Carolyn I remember that party also at scooters! So fun and Jim was so happy! What a beautiful couple!

Beverly Ellis - October 04, 2019 at 07:10 AM

Wendy
Schultz
Helmic

“ Uncle Jim, my Cedar Shores "dad". I could always count on him to help when needed, or to make me a special drink. I am forever grateful for the stories he shared with me of fun times with my parents. I will treasure our times together and have many fond memories to pass on. Oh how I'll miss the dilly dilly, hooollllar and a swalllller, weigh your food, booze cruises and campfires....and the 1/2 cup of ice cream before bed....and maybe a cookie afterwards. RIP Unc. Thanks for the memories.

Wendy Schultz Helmic - September 30, 2019 at 05:24 PM

HO

“ Herb & Shelly Oberg lit a candle in memory of James L. Gray II



Herb & Shelly Oberg - September 30, 2019 at 04:51 PM

IF

“ We bought our house in Crystal Lake from Jim who said we could only buy it if we kept his sister in the deal (she was living there temporarily until her home was ready!) We are so sorry to learn of his passing at such a young age (yes, 77 is considered young today)

IRIS FULLER - September 30, 2019 at 03:37 PM

SW

Pam, there no words to express how we feel about your loss. You two were one of our favorite couples at CL. God bless you and the whole family

Jim lived life to the fullest with a smile on his face

Speight & Lila White.

Speight & Lila White - October 01, 2019 at 03:42 PM



Pam, Cynndy and family. Prayers lifted during your time of sorrow. God bless you.

Susan Noe Harmon

Susan Noe Harmon - October 12, 2019 at 03:51 PM