



## Dr. James J. Nivison

July 18, 1938 - June 15, 2012

James Jay Nivison, age 73, of Harrison and Naples, Fla., passed away on Friday, June 15, at Community Hospital in Naples. He was born the son of Gerald and Florence Ruth (Grise) Nivison on July 18, 1938, in Clare. Jim married Connie (McNett) Nivison and she survives him. He was an Educator at Mid Michigan Community College and continued teaching in his retirement in Florida. He received his PhD. from Wayne State University and a post Doctorate Degree from Baylor University. Jim was a charter member of the Clare Moose Lodge, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club in Naples, the National Education Assn. and the NRA.

Jim is survived by his wife, Connie, his Children Julie (Jerry) Gracik of East Tawas, Mi., Gerald Nivison of Gilbert, Az., and Ingrid Nivison (Shawn Porter) of Winthrop, Maine, his brother Richard Nivison of Clare, sisters, Donna Kauffman of Shelby Twp., and Helen Reid of Old Towne, Florida. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild with another on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son James J. Nivison II on Aug. 5, 2008, and his brother Gerald.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 21, at 11 AM from the St. Cecilia Church in Clare, Mi., with Fr. Bill Rutkowski officiating. Burial will be in the St. Cecilia Cemetery. Friends may call at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Wed. from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home on Wednesday at 8:30 PM. Memorials may be made to the National Audubon Society or to the charity of the donor's choice.

If you are unable to attend, you are invited to sign the Nivison family's online  
condolence register at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
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## Visitation

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## Service

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JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

HT

“ Dear Connie,  
We were so sorry to read of Jim's passing. We just saw you both at the Cancer Clinic on May 22, and we surprised to see you there. Since my retirement, I do not hear much news from Edison. It was a real pleasure to get to know you both and go boating and dining. It was really special to have Jim teaching - he was such a consummate professional. His students worked hard and accomplished a lot. He was always willing to take an extra class or change times to help work out the schedule. He will be missed. When - if - you come back to Naples, be in touch, and we can have lunch or dinner and share good memories of a wonderful man. Our deepest sympathy.  
Helena and Eric Thom

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**helena thom** - June 21, 2012 at 01:49 PM

SH

“ The Staff of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home wishes to express our sympathy to the family of Dr. James Nivison. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us to help your through this time.



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**Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home** - June 20, 2012 at 02:26 PM

KM

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. As a recent retiree of MMCC myself, I will never forget him walking the halls going from class to class, talking to students in his office, and sharing laughs with fellow faculty members and staff. Jim will always be part of my Mid Michigan Community College memories.

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**Karen L. McGuire** - June 20, 2012 at 05:23 PM

CF

*Connie, Jerry, Julie and Ingrid, You all know what Doc meant to me and my family. He taught me to believe in myself and that I can achieve anything. He was my best friend and mentor and with each milestone I have accomplished he was always in the back of my mind saying "See I told you, you can do this". He was an inspiration to all of his students. Our families became close and the great times we had will always be in our thoughts and hearts. I am going to miss him. RIP Doc.*

*Carrie Breault and Family*

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**Carrie Breault & Family** - June 21, 2012 at 06:57 AM

JN

*From distant relatives of Michigan, we offer our sympathy to the family of Jim. He became a good cyber friend to me while doing family research. I will also miss him.*

*Randy Nivison and Family*

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**James Randall Nivison** - June 21, 2012 at 03:20 PM

GM

*I communicated with Doc here at Mid as part of the radiography program, and continued to communicate by email and Facebook after he moved to Naples. I will miss our correspondence and wish to extend my condolences to his family.*

*Galen Miller*

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**Galen Miller** - June 25, 2012 at 07:46 AM

AA

*I worked with Jim for 18 years at Mid MI Community College. He was highly respected in his field and I always enjoyed talking to him. He never hesitated to speak his mind, which always made for spirited conversations with him. I emailed him at Edison and was happy to hear life continued to be good for him after he left Mid. Ann Allen*

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**Ann Allen** - June 29, 2012 at 06:01 AM

JC

*What a brilliant man he was..the best Professor I ever had.*

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**J Ciochetto** - December 30, 2013 at 06:08 PM