



James F. Prisk

March 7, 1948 - May 3, 2019

James F. Prisk, age 71, of Lake, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, May 3, 2019. He was born the son of Samuel and Janet (Waack) Prisk on March 7, 1948, in Detroit. Jim Earned a Masters Degree in Education from Central Michigan University where he had been on the Wrestling and Football Teams. He married Nancy Anderson on June 20, 1970 and she survives him. Jim had served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was discharged as a Captain. He had retired from teaching at Farwell Area Schools where he had spent most of his teaching career. He had also coached football at the High School level and at Alma College. Jim was a longstanding supporter of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and had served as a referee in High School Wrestling. He was a longstanding member of the NRA, Pheasants Forever, the Marion Rod and Gun Club, the MEA, and was particularly fond of time spent at Tails-A-Waggin Hunting Preserve where he volunteered countless hours as a guide for Special Needs and Disabled Veteran Hunts.

Jim is survived by his wife Nancy, his children, James Robb Prisk of Findlay, Oh., and Alicia Ann (Bobby) Maphies of McKinney, Tx., his grandchildren, Jacobb Prisk and James Jett Prisk, his brother, Matthew (Kimberly) Prisk and sister, Loretta (Larry) Krueger all of Traverse City. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service in his honor, will be held on Friday, May 10, at 11 AM at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home (165 S. Hall St. Farwell, Mi.), with his friend, Dr. Dan Faching officiating. Burial will take place in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Friends may meet with the family at the funeral home on Thursday, May 9, from 1 to 4 and 5 to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to "Tails-A-Waggin", 20434 N. 60th Ave., Marion, Mi., 49665, for Veteran and Disability Hunts.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Hills Memorial Park

43300 Twelve Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48050

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
(989) 588-9630
wymanh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

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Service

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Tribute Wall

NK

“ I remember telling Mr. Prisk that my elbow hurt when I do this <shakes elbow>...he would always say "then don't do that". I use that line to this day with my kids and grandkids. He was the best badminton partner ever.

Nathan Kimpel - May 28, 2021 at 09:35 AM

AA

“ oh too bad

allison ames - July 21, 2019 at 11:09 PM

CU

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bring you peace.

Christopher Uhrig - May 15, 2019 at 01:06 AM

DK

“ My condolences to the Prisk family. Mr. Prisk was my favorite teacher and I worked for him as a student assistant my senior year ('76-77). He was a great football coach, and was a big supporter of me joining the navy - after a few choice words comparing the navy and army.

Dave Kalahar

David Kalahar - May 12, 2019 at 06:41 PM

EP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Nancy, Robb, Alicia, Lori, Matt and all of your families are in my heart today. Jim was a great cousin, truly made me laugh and feel good. He will be missed. Love you all and miss you. Elizabeth Prisk-Dulka

Elizabeth Prisk-Dulka - May 11, 2019 at 03:30 PM

ST

“ Love and prayers to the Prisk family. He touched the lives of so many. Mr. Prisk will be greatly missed.

Stephanie (Banach) Bell and Family

Stephanie - May 10, 2019 at 05:29 PM

HO

“ Mrs. Prisk and family, we are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Prisk. Mr. Prisk was my teacher and I will remember him as he touched my life by sharing positive confidence building words with me. He touched so many lives. Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Holly LaBelle

Holly - May 10, 2019 at 12:36 PM

DV

“ Nancy, I am sorry for your loss. Jim was a great man and teacher. He had a wonderful sense of humor and I enjoyed talking to him. My deepest condolences to you and your family. He will be missed.



Dominic VanDorn - May 10, 2019 at 10:31 AM

RW

“ Nancy and family our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Our family will always have great lovely memories of you Jim and the family. The Wood Family

Richard Wood - May 09, 2019 at 04:06 PM

RW

“ Good coach - to the point kept us in line

Ron Woodcraft - May 09, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ Mr., Jim, or known to us Coach. Over the years thinking of Coach Bob and I had no idea, Nancy and him were very close very winter in Texas. We recently connected thanks to Greg Zeimer and we had the most wonderful weekend in Beavers Bend. He was the same witty, jokester i remembered and sharing memories and recollections was so precious. We will miss you Coach! Bob and Janette (Tignanelli) Davis

Janette Tignanelli Davis - May 09, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 09, 2019 at 09:57 AM

JE

“ *So sorry for the loss of Jim. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and the family. Jim was not only a great teacher, but was just as good of a person. If you knew Jim you were a lucky person. Jim's smile and positivity would touch all that was around him. He will be missed. God Bless.*

Jeff and Donna English

Jeffery and Donna English - May 09, 2019 at 05:20 AM

RJ

“ *Our most sincere condolences to Nancy, Robb, and Alicia on this deep loss. Jim was a dear friend and colleague. He was a great educator and coach that we shared so many great times with. Nobody could tell a joke like Jim. Whether playing cards, going to a movie, or out to dinner, Jim was always the life of the party. We shared so many memorable times with Jim and Nancy. He was a great, great guy who will be missed dearly. We love you Jim.*

*Rob and Jude Johnson
Goodyear, AZ*

Rob & Jude Johnson - May 09, 2019 at 02:46 AM

TL

“ *So sorry to hear about Jim! May God's loving peace be with you and your family.*



Tammi Lipovsky - May 08, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 08, 2019 at 12:18 PM

CM

“ *Chuck and Ruthie Masterson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James F. Prisk.*



Chuck and Ruthie Masterson - May 08, 2019 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ *Since Denise, Luke, Clare and I joined the Bear Lake neighborhood many years ago, we could not have dreamed of better neighbors than Jim and Nancy. The great memories we have are too numerous to mention. One special memory is Jim letting my family run wild every late summer in his amazing raspberry patch, picking and eating those most delicious berries. We still call that patch "Berry Heaven." We hope and pray that Jim is in his own Berry Heaven now.*

Mark & Denise Adams

Mark Adams - May 08, 2019 at 10:45 AM

T1

“ *The Class of 1985 purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James F. Prisk.*



The Class of 1985 - May 08, 2019 at 09:39 AM

JB

“ *Prisk family;
Jim will always be remembers by those hearts and minds he touched. A great educator, coach and person!
May his Memory be Eternal.
John and Inez Bartz*

John & Inez Bartz - May 07, 2019 at 06:34 PM

JM

“ My heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers go to the family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Coach was easily the most inspirational influence in my life. He demonstrated concern and caring for all those around him. His infectious message of believing in oneself and aspiring to greatness instilled lasting values in me during my formative years. Though I never saw him again after leaving Farwell I affectionately thought of him regularly and often. The ideals he inspired have stayed with me for a lifetime, countless times have I reached for them when I needed them most.

He was a great and caring man, a rare gift to all those who knew him. I am so grateful I was one of them.

Jim Milliman - Farwell class of '76.

Jim Milliman - May 07, 2019 at 06:11 PM

SS

“ Our hearts are broken. We are so grieved. No one could make us laugh like Jim. He was the best of joke-tellers, and really appreciated the funny things in life.

Jim was one of the most honorable men we have ever known as well. We can be sure he has passed on his best qualities to countless young people. Jim was a great role model.

The whole community will miss Jim, and we are all sending love and support to Nancy, Tuli, the Kids & Grand Kids!

Sheryl Judd & Deb Sherrod

Sheryl Judd & Deb Sherrod - May 07, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.



May 07, 2019 at 05:08 PM

DD

“ *Mr. Prisk was one of my favorite teachers at FHS. I have fond memories of his leadership and mentoring abilities, he challenged his students and made us better people.*

Deena Dunkle - May 07, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 07, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 07, 2019 at 01:37 PM

BH

“ *Spent many hours on our tracks with meets and will always remember his smiles and how dedicated Jim was to her athletes. My heart is with all of your families during this difficult time. He'll be missed and never forgotten .*

Bruce Hales - May 07, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



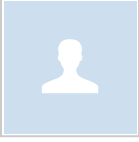
May 07, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 07, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 07, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.*



May 07, 2019 at 08:47 AM

PB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Prisk family. I am saddened to hear of the passing of whom I considered a great man. He was a major part of my high school years as my teacher, coach in 3 different sports and all around good friend. He always made me feel like I was worth something to this world. He did that for so many. His smile, his zest for life, his understanding of the struggles we all faced growing up is what made him liked by so many.

I was taught two valuable life lessons by coach Prisk and they were both conceived from events that happened on his watch. The first was at a football game where I was running to catch a pass. I had my opponent beat by 5 steps and for some reason I slowed down. The ball sailed over my head and I couldn't catch up to it. From the side lines I immediately heard coach yelling. Blaisdell you stopped, You never stop. He said it at least 3 times as I walked off the field. I ask myself to this day why did I stop? Why did I slowed down? Coach Prisk had the only logical answer. You never stop.

The second was at a wrestling match. I was in a pickle about to get beat by an opponent 1/2 my size. I kept trying to lift him up to get a reversal but I could only lift him so far and he just would not go over. I was so tired and there was only about 30 seconds left. I looked to the side and saw coach staring at me. I shook my head no and said I can't do it. He got a angry look on his face, slapped the mat and yelled "one more time" just one more time. His energy pushed me to lift the opponent one more time with seconds left to go and he went over and I pinned him for the win. In talking to my opponent afterward he said every time I lifted him it would cut off the circulation in his arm. He prayed that I would not lift him again because he was going to have to give in if I did. Coach Prisk hugged me after I got off the mat and said I knew you could do it. You just needed to do one more time.

Both lessons are extremely valuable to us all but most important to me. I don't think he ever knew how important he was to me in my life. He pushed me to be better. To never stop and to just try one more time.

Phillip Blaisdell - May 07, 2019 at 07:24 AM

TE

“ He was a great man who made me the person I am today.you will be missed.he was a great coach who I will always remember.

Tom Emery - May 06, 2019 at 11:25 PM

VD

Jim made a big difference in my family's life. His loving , honest ,and loving spirit made him an unforgettable man to everyone . Verna and family

Verna LaFollette Davis - May 08, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ Coach was a wonderful mentor when I was a youth. Nearly 40yrs later we reconnected. We spent countless weekends together hunting and fishing and being bays once again. He thanked me many times for making his time In Texas more tolerable. In truth... it was I who was grateful and I would not trade a minute of it.

Peaceful passing my friend.

Greg Ziemer

Greg Ziemer - May 06, 2019 at 11:14 PM

WC

“ Although I didn't know Jim well I do remember that he would come into Jay's Sporting Goods and buy several football cleats with his own money. He told me that he wanted to be sure that any kid could play football if they couldn't afford the equipment. What a selfless man.

William Chadwick - May 06, 2019 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the entire Prisk family. Mr. Prisk was truly a wonderful man. He touched the lives of so many in this community through teaching, coaching, or just giving words of encouragement or his famous smile. He will be missed.

Joelle (Miller) Mosher.

Joelle (Miller) Mosher - May 06, 2019 at 09:57 PM



Kimberly
Kidder-
Stroebel

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Was a great teacher and a wonderful person. He will be missed and remembered.

Kimberly Kidder-Stroebel - May 06, 2019 at 09:48 PM

K(

“ To the Prisk family, I will always be forever in Mr Prisk's debt for saving my son Zachary Thomas, (when he was a toddler) from choking. We happened to be eating lunch at Ruckles Pier, and my son started choking, and Mr Prisk calmly got up and helped him. He was a great man and teacher.

Kerie Lynch (Rogers) - May 06, 2019 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ To the Prisk family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Prisk was an amazing man and a wonderful teacher. He was always there with a smile and a joke. He will live on forever in our memories.

Jodi Hicks

Jodi Hicks - May 06, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James F. Prisk.



May 06, 2019 at 08:44 PM

PH

“ Nancy - I am so deeply sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I have fond memories of your family's annual holiday potlucks at the lake and many other times. Sending you much love and comfort right now.

Your former (occasional) neighbor, Pam Harris

Pam Harris - May 06, 2019 at 08:32 PM

GO

“ To the prisk family.my thoughts and prayers be with you threw this difficult time . So many great memories during my school yrs. The wrestling coach that strived to make you the best and never gave up on you. rest in peace coach prisk.

Gerry Osborn - May 06, 2019 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim. I just lost Bill a month ago and know how hard it is! My prayers are with you and the family. Lean on the kids. They need that as much as you do. Love you all . Debra Smith

Debra Smith - May 06, 2019 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ Mrs Prisk and Family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to You and your family during this difficult time. I am a 1981 graduate from Farwell and like so many I felt a deep impact in my life made by Mr Prisk both as a student and a person. He took the time to check in regularly on me to make sure that I was okay after finding out about a personal tragedy. I was always grateful to know that someone cared. Then in 1989 he took on the difficult task of speaking at my brothers funeral. Mr Prisk was more than a teacher, a coach or even the person who made you smile. He was genuine, compassionate and always caring. Now, he is leaving a void that will never be filled. Fly High, Mr Prisk, the Big Game awaits you! Sincerely, Julie Cashen Putnam

Julie Cashen Putnam - May 06, 2019 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ To the Prisk family,
Mr. Prisk was a great teacher, an awesome coach also one of the best people you will ever meet. He always had a smile on his face showing that positive person he was. He always finding the good in all people, Teaching all of us this, well at least me.
Mr. Prisk will always be in our hearts!!!
You are in our thoughts and prayers,
God bless you all!!!

Dawn Meister - May 06, 2019 at 07:21 PM

CF

“ Nancy,

So sorry to hear of Mr. Prisk's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Such a wonderful man who always greeted you with a smile, gave the best hugs, and always made everyone feel important. He will surely be missed by many!

Crystal Furman-Walters

Crystal Furman-walters - May 06, 2019 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ Nancy and Kids - I am so sorry to hear about JP He will be forever missed. Prayer and thoughts to you all.

Dottie Loudenslager Brugger - May 06, 2019 at 04:28 PM