



James Amos, Sr.

July 4, 1929 - April 11, 2005

passed away Monday, April 11, 2005 at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Jim was born July 4, 1929, the son of Erwin J. and Maybelle G. (Rowley) Amos. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving in WW II and the Korean War. He retired from Western Michigan University in 1991 and has been active in a variety of volunteer activities in the community, including the Kalamazoo Community Access Center TV station where he hosted a live, weekly show titled "Amos in the Evening." Among other volunteer agencies he served were Kalamazoo Senior Services, The Shepherd Center, Prime Time Players, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Tillers International, and the Gallery Art Center. Jim was a member of the Kalamazoo Rotary, the Kalamazoo Area Emmaus Community, and the United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee, a Lay Speaker, a Lay Visitor, and an audio/visual technician. Jim loved people--all people--from all walks of life. One of his favorite things to do was to "jaw" with friends at Jan's Trailside Cafe and various other coffee shops. He loved his Lord, his family, his TV crew, art, theater, music, flowers, photography, hard candy, and technical gadgets. He enjoyed doing magic tricks for children. Surviving are his wife Freida M. Amos whom he married December 31, 1952; three children, James (Kristin Gustafson) Amos II of Lawton, Charles (Tandra) Amos of Gobles, Julianne (Dan) Shaw of Richland; grandchildren Jason Joyner, Kary Amos, James Amos III, Karly Amos, Alyssa (Michael) Newton, and Anthony Shaw; great-grand children, Jade Bauer, Alayne and Mallory Newton; sisters Iris Bailey, Beverly Carlson, and Donna

Snow; and a large extended family of in-laws and nieces and nephews. Jim was predeceased in death by his parents; siblings Alice Granger, Marjorie Smith, Jeanette Thomas, Nellie Barney, Robert Amos, Geraldine Tyler, Charles Amos, and Theodore Amos. The family will meet friends from 4-7 PM Thursday at GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday at the Kendall United Methodist Church with Pastor Mary Beth Rhine officiating. Interment will take place 2:30 PM Friday at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta. The family suggests memorials to Kendall United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo Community Access Center, or the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

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

Kendall United Methodist Church
26718 CR 388
Kendall, MI

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss I wil keep your family in my prayers.

Julie Grehl##imported-begin##Julie (Goddard)Grehl##imported-end##

April 24, 2005 at 09:35 AM



“ I will miss his smile, he was a real inspiration to us all.

Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Lilge##imported-end##

April 18, 2005 at 09:24 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family, most of whom we do not know. We do know James II and Kristin, and can understand how great his father was based on the admiration that he always shared. Our hearts go out to you.

Dan and Kathy##imported-begin##Dan and Kathy Peacock, Austin Lake##imported-end##

April 13, 2005 at 10:17 PM



My condolences to your family in the wake of your father's passing. His sweet spirit will always be missed.

*Always
Jean Kirkley*

Jean - October 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Freida, I was so sad to hear about Jim. I've been thinking about him a lot. I had a memory yesterday of the days when we were both playing Super Mario on Nintendo and then I read about his love of gadgets, and had to smile. I'm thinking of you. Jane###imported-begin##Jane Ferguson###imported-end##

April 13, 2005 at 01:55 PM



“ Freida, we were shocked and saddened to hear of Jim's death. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you during this stressful time. Bob and Sue Olsen###imported-begin##Bob and Sue Olsen###imported-end##

April 13, 2005 at 07:21 AM