



## James F. Birner

November 14, 1944 - April 12, 2019

James F. Birner  
age 74  
of Breedsville

passed away Friday, April 12, 2019 at Select Specialty Hospital, Battle Creek. James was born November 14, 1944 in Chicago, IL the son of Chester and Lucille (James) Birner, and has lived in the Breedsville area for the past 32 years. He served in the US Army for 28 years, with the Bangor Fire Department, and served on the Village Council in Breedsville. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with grandchildren, his dog, and watching his children and grandchildren playing sports. Surviving are his wife, Diane whom he married December 20, 1975 and were married 43 years; 4 children, Gary Johnson of Bangor, Christine Birner of St. Joseph, Robert (Tiffany) Birner of Bangor, Jennifer (Rob) Anderson of Marquette; 6 grandchildren; a great granddaughter; sister, Wendy Elsey of Dowagiac; and his dog Lucy. The family will meet friends 5-7 PM Thursday at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where the memorial service will be 7:00 PM with Pastor Duane Jones officiating. Burial of cremains will be Friday 11:00 AM at the Arlington Hill Cemetery, Bangor, MI. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart or Kidney Foundations.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Memorial Service

APR 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Graveside Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Arlington Hill Cemetery  
56838 - 28th Avenue  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James F. Birner.*



April 17, 2019 at 10:41 PM



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



April 17, 2019 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner*



**Maggie Brooks** - April 17, 2019 at 07:24 PM

MB

*My Deepest Sympathy For The Family of Jim Birner! He was a wonderful Man. My thoughts and Prayer are with Diane and Kids. He will be Greatly Missed. RIP Jim*

**Maggie Brooks** - April 17, 2019 at 07:31 PM

CM

“ *I remember going to Breedsville to the parades to see Uncle Cecil and Aunt Lucille the big house the gatherings all my dad's side of the family. Jim and Diane were a pedestal to that side of the family with their kids. I've known them all my life and to lose Jim is like losing a close friend not only family. Keep each other close praying and thinking of you all during this hard time. Love to all.*



**Carrie Buck McKeever** - April 17, 2019 at 01:12 PM

SL

“ Diane, Gary, Robbie and Jennifer, I am so sorry about Jim. He called me the day before his surgery. Diane—he said you were his best friend too. Always remember that.

Sharon Lee

Sharon lee - April 17, 2019 at 09:01 AM



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



April 16, 2019 at 08:13 PM

BS

“ Bob And Pam Suhr lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



Bob and Pam Suhr - April 16, 2019 at 05:52 PM

DF

“ David Freislinger lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



David Freislinger - April 16, 2019 at 04:23 PM

BB

“ Diane and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Jim. I enjoyed knowing him and working on fire dept. with him. He was a good man and will be missed.  
Brenda Balfour



Brenda Balfour - April 16, 2019 at 04:15 PM

MW

“ Mike And Judy Wells lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



Mike and Judy Wells - April 16, 2019 at 11:09 AM

JW

“ Diane and Family so sorry to hear of the passing of Jlm, our prayers go out to you and your family. Mike and Judy Wells.

Judy and Mike Wells - April 16, 2019 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ The Russ Hodgman Family lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



The Russ Hodgman Family - April 16, 2019 at 09:33 AM

NH

“ Nancy J. Houdek lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



Nancy J. Houdek - April 16, 2019 at 08:27 AM

DR

“ Dave & Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



Dave & Judy Rainey - April 16, 2019 at 07:26 AM

SW

“ Shelli Crans And Christopher Walker lit a candle in memory of James F. Birner



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**Shelli Crans and Christopher walker** - April 16, 2019 at 06:40 AM

CH

*Diane we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. love you, Carol , David (Bre) Hall and Mile and Melissa Wipple.*

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**carol hall** - April 17, 2019 at 11:03 AM

YF

*So sorry for your families loss. Sending thoughts and prayers of comfort for you.*

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**Yvette Salomon and Family** - April 17, 2019 at 03:50 PM