



James J. DeRyke

February 1, 1957 - February 5, 2023

James J. DeRyke, age 66, of Grand Junction, passed away Sunday, February 5th, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. James was born February 1, 1957 in Kalamazoo, son of the late Robert and Margie DeRyke and had lived on Jephtha Lake for the last 18 years. James was a hands-on jack-of-all-trades. He was willing to tackle any project and was always willing to lend a hand. He worked as a Service Tech at Dimplex for many years. James loved fishing, both as a tournament angler and just for recreation. He also enjoyed aviation, automobiles and spending time with a good book. He especially enjoyed time spent cruising the lake on his pontoon and fishing while his wife Sue read. James would always go above and beyond to do something right. His famous quote was "If you don't have time to do something right the first time, when are you going to have time to do it again?" He enjoyed his "shop therapy" where he loved spending time working on, fixing and building almost anything. James also loved his 1973 BMW 2002tii toy, Casper. More than anything though, James cherished time spent with his family.

Surviving is his wife of 17 years, Sue; children, Jamie Rhodes, Jack (Christina) DeRyke, Elizabeth (Carmine) Trudo, Ruth (Patrick) Gray; 12 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 2 siblings, Paul (Encarna) DeRyke and Susan (David) Graham; honorary brother and lifelong friend, Kevin Wilder; several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Following his wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends on Wednesday, February 15th from 1 - 4 PM for a Memorial Visitation at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either the Kalamazoo Air Zoo or the Gilmore Car Museum.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingtondale, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *Just found out about Jim's death. I was Jim's ex-wife over 24 years ago. I remember Jim best for his talent of building beautiful decks. Condolences to all the family. Evelyn Shabeeb*

Evelyn shabeeb - August 23, 2024 at 02:46 PM

KC

“ *Jim was funny and kind. I loved getting to know him as a friend at our Retired teacher luncheons My God bless and comfort his family.*

karen Callens - February 15, 2023 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Praying for you!* ❤️

Amy Harris - February 14, 2023 at 07:15 AM

KR

“ *Krista lit a candle in memory of James J. DeRyke*



Krista - February 09, 2023 at 07:16 PM