



## James Dickerson

November 19, 1945 - October 1, 2022

James Dickerson, age 76, of Bloomingdale, passed away Saturday, October 1st, 2022 at Bronson Hospital surrounded by family. Jim was born November 19th, 1945 in Allegan, son of the late Donald and Mabel Dickerson and had resided in Bloomingdale his entire life. Jim honorably served his country as a member of the US Army where he served 2 tours in Vietnam. While in the Army, Jim was a 2-time honors graduate from the US Aviation School. Jim was very involved in his community. From serving on the Bloomingdale School Board, Midwest Energy Board, Van Buren Farm Bureau and various floral and grower associations. Jim was a very active and life long-time member of Townline United Methodist Church. His passion was driven by growing beautiful flowers to make people smile. He believed in hard work, being productive and not giving up. His view of being successful was determined by whether or not his family believed in God and lived their lives serving Him. After all of his good and bad times, his favorite things were still there...the fresh air after a lightning storm, the cool air on a football night, the smell of a new plastic covered greenhouse and a nice cold Mountain Dew.

Surviving is his wife of 51 years, Nancy; 5 children, Donald (Angela) Dickerson, Kimberly (James) Wiseley, Terry (Cindy) Dickerson, Joseph (Jennifer) DeYoung, Philip (Lisa) DeYoung; grandchildren; Brayton, Adriana, Brooklynn (Justin), Brenna (Greg), Mason (Tatum) Jacob, James "JD," Zee, Faith, Joseph, Eli, Ava, Levi, Sawyer, Philip "PJ," Carson, Emma; great grandchildren, Maxwell, Ella, and Brixton; siblings, Barbara Cloud, Joyce Ludlow and Florence Engler. He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Kendra Wiseley; 2 brothers-in-law, Fred Cloud and Frank Engler; 2 nephews, Gregory Weston and Scotty Forstner.

The family will meet friends on Wednesday, October 5th from 2 - 4 PM and 6 - 8 PM at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com). Funeral services will be held Thursday, 1 PM at Townline United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Tucker Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Townline UMC.

# Cemetery Details

## Tucker Cemetery

39000 CR 388  
Bloomingdale, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingdale Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomingdale, MI

## Visitation

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingdale Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomingdale, MI

## Service

OCT 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Townline United Methodist Church  
41470 24th Ave.  
Bloomingdale, MI

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ I was working late one night and around midnight I received an email from Jim with a question about Poinsettia. I emailed him back that I was up if he wanted to call. So there we were discussing plants in the middle of the night. I always enjoyed working with Jim. I know he was very dedicated to his family and business. He was a beautiful soul and I will miss him and hearing his voice. I pray for all his family that they may find joy in their memories of Jim.

Sincerely,

Linda Lonigro  
Express Seed

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Linda M Lonigro - October 07, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ Sue Kohlert lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson



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Sue Kohlert - October 06, 2022 at 04:07 PM

BM

“ Brian Miller lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson



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Brian Miller - October 05, 2022 at 09:36 PM

KR

“ Krista lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson



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Krista - October 05, 2022 at 08:22 PM

FS

“ Farmer & Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Dickerson.



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Farmer & Smith - October 05, 2022 at 04:28 PM

PW

“ Nancy do you remember while you and Jim were dateing you picked me up and drove me to church group he drove that sports car and you made me ride in the middle to be polite, and I would laugh so hard watching how Jim would say something to you or he would drive crazy like, and you would get so red faced and he would give me and wink and say don't she look so pretty when she turns red? And it made me laugh and you would get even more red!!!those times were the sweetest of all ! So sad to hear this news!

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penny woodard - October 05, 2022 at 02:18 PM

DH

“ Jim greeting Linda and I with a smile. He was always supportive of Townline United Methodist Church. He gave from the heart. Flowers would line the isle if the church on every holiday, especially Easter and Christmas. Jim would grab the microphone every Christmas Eve and let us know what was happening the entire night. It was because of Jim's warm and loving spirit we became friends with his entire family that will last a lifetime. Rest well my dear friend. God' s blessings to your entire family. Hugs and Love! Dave and Linda Haase

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David Haase - October 05, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Dickerson.



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October 05, 2022 at 08:49 AM



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



October 05, 2022 at 08:44 AM

TB

“ *Topper and Emily Barth purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Dickerson.*



**Topper and Emily Barth** - October 05, 2022 at 07:59 AM

PH

“ *Jim Dickerson..... My first memories of Jim go back to when Bloomingdale still had the old two-story high school building and everyone of all grades knew everyone. Watching Jim back then as an upper classman to myself, Jim's persona always came through as polite, respected, liked by all, and always friendly. As a neighbor not far away our family has always thought of Jim so well. He carried and furthered his father's name and trade so very well. When my parents wintered near McAllen, Texas, for many years, sometimes when 'growers' there would learn we were from Bloomingdale, Michigan, they would ask with cheer and a grin if we knew their friend the Christmas red flower man, Jim Dickerson. .... Jim was always well respected and a very much liked person his entire life. Jim was always good to my Mom and family and would visit her periodically, long aging. He has been a fine neighbor. We will miss Jim. But I will also continue to recall in my mind when he was seen with his friends around the old two-story school building , enjoying those days. And then later driving his red T-Bird convertible. I think he might have been back there a few miles, again, driving it with the radio on WLS. Jim was a very fine man. And that will endure. \*\*\*\*\* Thank You, Jim. \*\*\*\*\*  
*Phil Hunsberger, for the five of us down the north road.**

**Phillip W Hunsberger** - October 05, 2022 at 02:40 AM

SS

“ Susan Page Smith lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson



Susan Page Smith - October 04, 2022 at 07:14 PM



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



October 04, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Dickerson.



October 04, 2022 at 05:20 PM

DD

“ Dave and Linda Dickerson  
We are so sad to hear of Jimmy's passing. He is always one of our favorites in the Dickerson clan. Nancy, we mourn for you and your family. We know that he is in a better place with no more pain. Our love to all.... Sorry to be so far away....

Dave Dickerson - October 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM

ND

Thank you and thinking of you also. Love you much.

Nancy Dickerson - October 04, 2022 at 11:12 PM

AC

“ I had the honor of serving with Jim on the Midwest Energy & Communications Board of Directors. Jim remained a consistent advocate for each member. I appreciated serving with him, and the beautiful poinsettias he gave as gifts. May you and your family find peace in the Lord, until you are reunited.

Arell Chapman - October 04, 2022 at 12:17 PM

BP

“ Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Dickerson.



Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO - October 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM

DA

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jim in his role as a board member for Midwest Energy & Communications. I, and all staff at MEC, will miss Jim's intellect, leadership and fantastic sense of humor. Rest in Heaven Mr. Dickerson. You will be missed.

David Allen

David Allen - October 04, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Dickerson.



October 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

MB

“ Jimmy and I are so sorry for your loss.  
Jimmy worked for Jim from age 16 .  
Jim was always smiling and a good man.  
Whenever we went to the Greenhouse it was like home to us. He will be greatly missed.  
Love Jimmy and Mary Blackston.

Mary Blackston - October 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

SB

“ Sharon Bishop lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson



Sharon Bishop - October 04, 2022 at 09:54 AM

RK

“ It was great working at the greenhouse in the early '60's while in high school, of course Jim was a year ahead of me. With seasonal flowers I was sick of all the geraniums and poinsettias we grew each year, LOL. I learned a lot about flowers then. My biggest memory was the conversation in the '70's while he was I believe the school board president and Bloomingdale's fight to keep JESUS on the hall wall. Unfortunately we lost, and I said at the time "This is the beginning of removing GOD from our schools". It seems to be the norm now. Jim was a good man and has received his final reward. Rest In Peace Jim.

Roy and Gloria Kinsey - October 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

LA

“ Having known Jim for a long time, I am most thankful for his care and attention to our beloved Townline Church. Heartfelt condolences to his beautiful family.



Lynn Ashbrook - October 04, 2022 at 08:06 AM

GR

“ To the dickerdon family I am very sorry for your loss I met Jim and you guys through Frank engler when I worked with Frank down there with you all to it was like a vacation never a dull moment I didn't rilly get why but the car ran and keep running most of the time I asked Frank one day I didn't understand why but I do now I thank you all for the great memories and good times and the great knowledge about flowers I learned a lot thank you for the opportunity to do so

George rossier - October 04, 2022 at 12:12 AM

MK

I'm greatly saddened by this news I was hoping to still visit with Jim I was hoping he would recover and be in the greenhouse I worked for him for 17 plus years and felt like part of the family my greenhouse family was there through the good and the bad times the endless hours of packing plants late into the night and sharing the beauty of all the flowers ma y Jim rest in peace God bless

Mary konecki - October 04, 2022 at 12:54 AM

AN

“ Nancy and family, so sorry to hear of your loss.



Alice Noskey - October 03, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Dickerson.*



October 03, 2022 at 08:28 PM

PZ

“ *Pete And Mary Zellmer lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson*



**Pete and Mary Zellmer** - October 03, 2022 at 06:54 PM

VS

“ *Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson*



**Vicky Souza** - October 03, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Dickerson.*



October 03, 2022 at 02:22 PM

LB

“ *Jim was the Youth Leader at Townline when I first met him. My cousin Nancy and I attended every week. That was over 50 years ago. He became part of my family when he married Nancy. He will be missed!*

**Lois Bishop** - October 03, 2022 at 01:48 PM

LB

“ *Lois Bishop lit a candle in memory of James Dickerson* ”



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**Lois Bishop** - October 03, 2022 at 01:42 PM