



## James M. Abbott

May 6, 1933 - April 2, 2005

passed away Saturday, April 2, 2005 at his home. Jim was born May 6, 1933 in Kalamazoo, the son of Franklin and Mary (Drolet) Abbott and lived in Kalamazoo, Otsego and, for the last 24 years, in the Gobles area. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving in the US Air Force and was a life member of the VFW. Jim worked at Allied Paper for 15 years and was a rural route carrier for the US Post Office for 26 years, retiring in 1993. He was a 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus, Paw Paw, and an active member of St. Jude Parish, Gobles where he served as an Usher and Eucharistic Minister and was involved in the Engagement Encounter, Ministry Formation, RCIA, and Marriage Preparation programs. Jim enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading and gardening. Surviving are his wife, Marlene, whom he married March 8, 1961 in Galesburg; 5 children, Cathy Skiver of Galesburg, Frank (Chris) Abbott of Paw Paw, Dawn (Rob) Coulter of Chantilly, VA, Cecile (Mark) Thompson of Sacramento, CA, Mike (Carol) Abbott of Paw Paw; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; a twin brother, Jack (Charlene) Abbott of Gobles; 2 sisters, Ruth Locey of Kalamazoo, Harriet (Dave) Kaiser of Peterborough, NH; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Keith, a son-in-law, Mike Skiver, 3 brothers, and 1 sister. The family will meet friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com) with a rosary by the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Thursday at St. Jude Parish, Gobles with Fr.

Robert Creagan, celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Margaret's Cemetery,  
Otsego.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

## Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Parish  
13809 M-40 Highway  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *In deepest sympathy, may your memories keep him close to you.##imported-begin##John Crosby and Family##imported-end##*

April 07, 2005 at 12:08 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Jim. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kris Crosby Family##imported-end##*

April 06, 2005 at 11:31 AM



“ *Jim, my brother-in-law - to the most gentle, loving, compassionate, giving human being - a good husband and father who was always there for his children - you will be deeply missed - I know God has welcomed you with open arms##imported-begin##Sister-in-law, Char Abbott##imported-end##*

April 04, 2005 at 09:41 PM



“ *The best brother any one could have - wish you were still here to fish with me this summer - I will miss you dearly -##imported-begin## Twin Brother Jack##imported-end##*

April 04, 2005 at 09:35 PM



“ Thinking of you all during this time. Aunt Marlene, cousins...our prayers and thoughts go to you all. With love.##imported-begin##Jerry & Sharon Crosby##imported-end##

---

April 04, 2005 at 07:59 PM



“ Dad, we will miss you greatly but are comforted in the knowledge you are with the Lord.##imported-begin##Dawn Coulter##imported-end##

---

April 04, 2005 at 07:02 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Catherine E. LaFave##imported-end##

---

April 04, 2005 at 10:43 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Lisa & Michael Storey##imported-end##

---

April 04, 2005 at 07:58 AM



“ Jim (Dad), Thank you for all the happy memories. You made me laugh and cry. You are so very special. Thank you for letting me in your life and making me feel a part of your family. I'll never forget you!  
To my best friend Cathy. He will live on forever in the hearts of so many lucky people for ever having the chance to know him!!!!##imported-begin##Julie C. Carruthers##imported-end##

---

April 04, 2005 at 12:04 AM



“ Jim, (Dad)##imported-begin##Julie C. Carruthers##imported-end##

April 03, 2005 at 11:55 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##The Rinebolt Family##imported-end##

April 03, 2005 at 04:10 PM



“ I Love you Dad##imported-begin##Catherine M. Skiver (Abbott)##imported-end##

April 03, 2005 at 11:40 AM



“ Dad,

*You will forever be in my heart and my mind. I couldn't have asked for a more loving father. You taught me that there is a good side to life and how a laugh can be infectious. My eyes will see you live on in my children and I thank you for that.##imported-begin##Cecile Abbott Thompson##imported-end##*

April 03, 2005 at 04:00 AM