



James W. Waters, Jr.

June 24, 1943 - June 10, 2006

Passed away Saturday, June 10, 2006. Mr. Waters was born June 24, 1943 in Kalamazoo. He was a Vietnam Veteran, and a Gobles volunteer fireman for seven years. Surviving are a daughter, Debbie (Marty) Johnson of Gobles; three grandsons, Levi, Andrew and Austin; four sisters, Ginger (Mike) Neal of Athens, MI; Alice (Richard) Hoffman of Arkansas; Margo Augustine of Arkansas; Pam (Virgle) McIntire of Arkansas; his former wife, Rusty. A Memorial Service will be held Friday 12:30 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home with interment of cremains Friday, 2:30 PM at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Those wishing may make memorials to the family.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **16**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Even though I could not be there Friday, my thoughts and prayers were with all of you. God will be with you during this difficult time. I love you all.

Aunt Judy###imported-begin##Judy Weddington###imported-end##

June 16, 2006 at 02:27 PM



“ I am so sorry for you lose, and if there is anything I can do please call or email.###imported-begin##Tammy Ford###imported-end##

June 15, 2006 at 04:32 PM



“ I didn't have the opportunity to know Mr. Waters, but his daughter, Debbie, and her Mom, Rusty have become very good friends of mine. I send my thoughts and prayers for the entire family and know that God takes care of us all in ways that we sometimes cannot explain. Trust in him. God Bless you in this time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Billy Woodall###imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 11:59 PM



“ Jim and I had been married for 35 years, and even after we divorced, he always kept in touch with me. He would call every day, sometimes 5 and 6 times a day just to see how I was doing, to make sure I was ok. He would always ask "do you need anything, do you need some money." He was very caring and concerned about all of us. There isn't anything he wouldn't do for any of us. I will miss him very much. Rest in peace Jim, I know you are in a better place. You left an empty spot in all our hearts.##imported-begin##Rusty##imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 06:43 PM



“ Jim was an amazing man, I remember when Marty and Deb first got together, I spent a weekend at Jim and Rusty's place. I was very shy and withdrawn but Jim soon made that feeling disappear, he made me feel right at home. I was amazed that a man of his stature could sneak right up behind me and scare the living daylights out of me! Jim was a great man and friend and I would find it very hard to believe that any of us would ever forget him.- Jeremy, Heather & Caleb##imported-begin##Jeremy Kirby##imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 04:54 PM



“ Debbie Marty Levi Austin Andrew I am So So Sorry About your lost i know how much Jim loved each and everyone of you i only know him for only A few years but i can tell he had a very very big heart and that he was always there when he was needed and willing to help everyone when ever possible i considered him a very good friend i have nothing but good priase for him.##imported-begin##Chuck Fales##imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 04:09 PM



“ *Debbie, Marty, Rusty & Boys:*

We were so sorry to hear about Jim. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

Love,

The Magyars##imported-begin##Kevin, Karen, Emily & Jessica Magyar##imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 01:48 PM



“ *All of my love, prayers, and sympathies are with Deb, Marty, Aunt Jo, and the boys. I feel blessed to have you as my family.*

Uncle Jim,

I will forever be grateful for the way you stepped up to help my mom whenever she needed it. Whether it was fixing a car or giving her a place in your home during her final days. I think I finally realize the ONE thing thats even bigger than your nose... your heart.

Your Neice,

Shawwna##imported-begin##Shawwna##imported-end##

June 13, 2006 at 07:40 AM



“ Jim

I have two things that I will forever be grateful for... the time you and dad got Hot Shot back for me at the old Gilmores when Larry took him. And the time Jason was a baby, was turning blue and you stepped up and took over if not for you he might not be here today!!! You will be sadly missed by those that new all the good qualities in you.

Carla & Don##imported-begin##Carla Counterman##imported-end##

June 12, 2006 at 08:35 PM



“ *You always stood up to help whenever anyone needed it. I will remember your laugh and the fun times riding in your truck, and when you let me mow your yard as I was growing up just so I could earn a few bucks even though I did a terrible job of it, and I will also remember when you brought the gas can when some friends and I were skipping school and ran out of gas. All of the good memories of you will never be forgotten.*

Your Nephew

Phillip##imported-begin##Phillip B. Lingbeek##imported-end##

June 12, 2006 at 07:28 PM



“ *Bompa, I will always love you, and I will miss you. And I can't wait to see you again, when I get to Heaven.*

Love, Austin##imported-begin##Austin Johnson##imported-end##

June 12, 2006 at 07:22 PM



“ *Bompa I love you. When you see Jesus tell Him that I love Him too. Bompa I will always love you forever and ever. I miss you very very very much. When I come to Heaven I'll give you a great big hug and Kiss. And I'll always remember you in my heart.*

Love Andrew##imported-begin##Andrew Johnson##imported-end##

June 12, 2006 at 07:20 PM



“ *You always made us giggle when you touched your nose with your tounge. You're the one who started the fun at the cookouts. We will miss that and we will miss you, too.*

*Your other Great Niece,
Aubrey##imported-begin##Aubrey ##imported-end##*

June 12, 2006 at 06:38 PM



“ *Thank you for the smiles and the laughs and your all-around silliness. You helped make the summer cook-outs a blast! Thinking you of always and missing you forever.*

*Your Great Neice,
Alexis##imported-begin##Alexis##imported-end##*

June 12, 2006 at 06:31 PM