



James LaPine

April 6, 1938 - July 28, 2023

LORETTO- James Dewey LaPine age 85 of Loretto, died on Friday, July 28, 2023 at his home in Loretto, MI.

He was born on April 6, 1938 in Manistique, the son of the late Vernon and Minnie (Sanford) LaPine.

Jim graduated from Vulcan High School in 1956, where he excelled as a basketball player on the Vulcan Giant Killer teams. He enjoyed playing the accordion, taking lessons from "Big Al".

After high school Jim served his country in the US Marine Corps, at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA.

He moved to Milwaukee in 1958 working for American Motors and returned to the area to get married and raise his family.

On August 13, 1960 he married Beverly Ann Peterson in St. Mary's Church in Norway.

Jim worked at the Groveland Mine until it closed, then for the Laborers Union Local #1329 at the Champion Mill and other places in the UP.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Beverly; sons Jimmy (Jenny) LaPine and Tim (Dani Varda) LaPine; daughter Lisa (Doug) Kraemer; grandchildren Larry (Katie) LaPine, Ashley (Jeremy) Mack, Laura (Billy) Burklund, Nikisha (Matt) Zanon and Timothy LaPine; great grandchildren Kaleb and Aubree LaPine, Scarlett, Lillian and Vera Mack; brothers Jerry and Darren LaPine; sister Diane Compo; very special cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his brothers Tim and Bud LaPine; and infant sister.

According to Jim's wishes there will be no funeral services.

Interment will be on Friday, August 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Norway Township Cemetery
Norway Township, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering Jim from the "Black Hawk" softball days. Raymond played with them sometimes & we were welcomed by him always. He was friendly, witty, and a joy to be around. A true feisty, athletic gent who we enjoyed very much! Wonderful memories after the games come to mind. Going down by the Menominee River bridge, having a few cold ones, chatting with the gals, watching the guys play "Morra", & lots of "b.s.'g" & laughs!! Fun times that we relished!



Bless him & all of you. My sincere condolences to Bev and the entire family. My hope for you all is that love and special memories will guide you through this difficult time. Take care.

Mary McCarthy-Bray

Mary McCarthy-Bray - August 19, 2023 at 11:01 AM

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“ So saddened to hear of Jim's death. He was such a great guy! He was a year behind me at Vulcan High, but a basketball hero whom I adored and had a secret crush on. I am overjoyed to learn of his long and loving marriage, and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family. May God welcome Jim home, and bless Bev with peace in the promise of resurrection. *Mary Jean Giesen-Smith*

Mary Jean Smith - August 12, 2023 at 01:47 PM

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“ Sorry to hear that Jim moved permanently to God's house and I wish him happiness in his new home. I have fond memories of Jim in high school. He was a good friend. My prayers for his family. Lois (Girardi) Dinsmore

Toni Dinsmore - August 03, 2023 at 04:01 PM

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“ Condolences to Jim's family. Rest in peace Jim. Pat (Hinds) Pardon

Pat Pardon - August 02, 2023 at 06:40 PM

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“ AWW great memories of Jim Lapine from my younger years a great man!

Thinking of you Bev, Lisa and lil Jim and rest of family.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Loretto will miss this man!

AMY JO ORN - August 02, 2023 at 08:53 AM