



## James Wesley Boehlke

February 3, 1950 - December 7, 2019

James Wesley Boehlke, age 69, of Lake, Michigan, died on December 7, 2019, in Trout Lake, Michigan. He was born on February 3, 1950, in Albion, Michigan, to Robert Arthur and Joan Helen McCoskey Boehlke.

Jim lived in Albion until he was ten years old when his family moved to Springport, Michigan. He attended Springport High School where he excelled in sports. He studied engineering in college for two years before going to work in 1971 for Commonwealth Associates, an Engineering Consulting and Design company, with Utility related projects across the globe. After Commonwealth Associates closed down their Jackson office in the mid-1980s, he started working for Novak Engineering, continuing the same type of work. Jim was the ultimate field specialist, gathering data and supporting the engineers on the projects. Whatever needed to be done, Jim would figure out how to do it. He preferred working outside rather than working in the office. He never met a computer that he liked and, in fact, was still turning in his timesheets on paper.

Jim retired to the Village of Lake two years ago and slowed down, but never stopped working. He loved golfing, hunting, fishing, and bowling, and excelled in them all. He and his family were instrumental in starting T-ball for children in the Albion area, a sport that eventually spread nationwide. Although he himself was not a veteran, many members of his family were veterans and he

actively supported various veteran organizations.

Prior to moving north, Jim volunteered his time serving at the Bread of Life food pantry in Marshall. Jim also helped provide meals and serve the homeless at the Share Center in Battle Creek.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janette of Lake; daughter, Jami Lea Pierce of Lake; son, Benjamin James Pierce of Albion; daughter-in-law, Cassandra Marie Pierce of Concord, MI; grandchildren, Luke Alexander Pierce and Michael Alan Pierce; brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger Alan and Sally Boehlke of Lake, sister, Rebecca Martinez and fiancé, Steve of St. Louis, MO; Jim and Roma Lea Wood of Beverly Hills, FL, Jerry and Brenda Wood of Springport and Jackie (Wood) Hector of Springport; and several nieces and nephews.

James is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Robyn Boehlke Reichow; and brother, Kent Douglas Boehlke.

A celebration in Jim's memory will be held in the spring where he was most content, his home on Lake Tahoe Trail, where Jim loved welcoming friends, family and neighbors.

No date has been set at this time

Memorials may be made to Springport VFW, 230 Mechanic St., Springport, MI 49284 or Bread of Life Food Bank, Crossword Church and Ministry, 717 US Highway 27, Marshall, MI 49068.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Wesley Boehlke* ”

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *James Wesley Boehlke* ”

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *James Wesley Boehlke* ”

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



**Renee Novak-Arze** - January 08, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Cindy Eagen lit a candle in memory of James Wesley Boehlke* ”



**Cindy Eagen** - December 19, 2019 at 05:55 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wood lit a candle in memory of James Wesley Boehlke*



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**Brenda Wood** - December 15, 2019 at 03:14 PM

MS

“ *Jan, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was a favorite classmate and person. He was always very quiet, but sincere in everything he did or represented. All of us are better people for having known him. God bless you and your family. Marlene Mead Sebastian*

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**Marlene Mead Sebastian** - December 12, 2019 at 05:47 PM

MW

“ *Jan, I am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I didn't know him well but the posts on this wall pretty much say it all, sounds like he was a heckuva good guy. Hope you find comfort during this difficult time in all the happy memories you must have. I will be thinking about you.*

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**Maureen (Porter) Wallace** - December 12, 2019 at 04:14 PM

NM

“ *He was always such a nice person. Will always remember his little car. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Nancy Hector Marsh** - December 11, 2019 at 09:33 PM

BM

“ I met Jim in 1981 in Conroe, Tx. We were playing poker with Jim and Kent at Kent's apartment. Of course having some beers. This was the first time I met Jim. I kept saying, how can you be Kent's brother? Your so quiet and nice. Then throughout the night, when I emptied a beer, I would launch the can over Jim's head into the sink. He was ducking all night but never got mad at me. I will cherish that memory forever. Never met a gentler man. Love and hugs Jan and Jami. Love you.....

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**Barb Mathis** - December 11, 2019 at 07:52 PM

AN

“ I was fortunate enough to have a conversation with Jim Friday afternoon. Jim truly touched everyone he came in contact with. The most genuine man.... never wanting anymore than God gave him. He sure will be missed. My last words to him were... Merry Christmas, drive safe, and see you after the holidays..... Merry Christmas in Heaven Jim.... and drive safely while you are enjoying God's beauty....

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**Anonymous** - December 11, 2019 at 06:35 PM

DM

“ My father often said when we pass away the most important thing we leave behind is our reputation. Jim will be remembered as a salt of the earth kind of guy. We have all been blessed to have Jim in our lives. Bless you my friend!!!!

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**doug mead** - December 11, 2019 at 05:57 PM

MW

“ I was fortunate enough to live next door to Jim and his family for 6 years in Albion. He was one of the best neighbors and nicest guys you could ever ask for. We had great conversations at the fence and he tortured me with the great smells when he was cooking. On one occasion, a tree fell in my back yard when I was away. When I returned, Jim already had it cleaned up. Man he was a nice guy. I wish I would have made it a point to see him after I moved away and he and his family moved north. He will be missed. I will miss him.

Michael Wadsworth - December 11, 2019 at 04:58 PM

MI

Jim, Jan, Jamie, and Ben were my parents' neighbors on North Superior Street in Albion. They were the best neighbors, so very kind and helpful. Jim would check the house when mom was living with us and make sure all was well. I came to know Jim and Jan through my folks. They became good friends. Jim will be missed by many people. May you Jim find peace and rest in your Savior's arms as you live in your eternal home in heaven.

Marti Ingvarsson - December 11, 2019 at 05:18 PM

Oldest Living  
Confederate  
Widow  
Tells All

“ Jim wouldn't necessarily start a conversation, but there were times that once he got started, it was hard to stop the ball from rolling. I remember visiting once to celebrate some sort of gathering with the Kopulos's and he, Aunt Jan, my friend and I talked on and on about American Idol; it was just good, open, flowing dialogue. And the last time i was home for Christmas, he and I got to talking in Aunt Jackie's kitchen about his youth and losing Uncle Kent. We were so involved in the conversation that we were ignoring the calls from the other room about the gift exchange. Every time the family got together, I always made it a point to have a talk with Jim, just him and I...that was kind of a highlight about going home. I'm really going to miss that.

Jeremy Wood - December 11, 2019 at 04:20 PM