



James Edward Brown Jr.

October 2, 1956 - December 30, 2021

James “Jim” Edward Brown Jr., age 65, of Pickford, Michigan, died at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on December 30, 2021. He was born on October 2, 1956, in Portsmouth, Virginia, to parents, James Edward Sr. and Phyllis Irene (Carter) Brown.

Jim grew up in Pinckney, Michigan and graduated from Pinckney High School. He joined the United States Army, where he was stationed in Germany for some time. He later obtained his Master Farrier Associates Degree at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He began his family in 1977 and raised three children. He retired from the US Army in 1994 after serving twenty years but went on to work as a Farrier. He moved to Pickford, Michigan, where he continued to work as a Farrier and made his home in the Upper Peninsula. He raised Hereford cattle and did some farming in his free time.

Jim was a member of the Michigan High School Rodeo Association, European Rodeo Cowboy Association, as well as a past member of the American Legion and past volunteer with Pickford ambulance crew.

Jim was a very social and community driven man, he supported the local youth in many ways. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. He enjoyed hunting and fishing as well.

Jim is survived by his son, Patrick (Alex) Fuchs of Erlangen, Germany; daughters, Annie (David) Brown-Odom of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Starr Brown of Pickford; grandchildren, Robbie Brown-Lee, Peyton Odom, Niklas Fuchs, Evelyn Odom, Ronja Fuchs, and McKenna Brown; sisters, Cindy (Jim) Brown of Jackson, Michigan, and Patty (George) Watters of Hamburg, Michigan; brother, Terry (Nichol) Langston of Livonia, Michigan; as well as many nieces and nephews; and his dear friend, Sue Caroffino of Cedarville, Michigan.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; brother-in-law, Junior Watters; nephew, Donnie Humphrey; niece, Patty Irene Watters, as well as two grandchildren.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on January 3, 2022, at Galer Funeral Homes in Pickford from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM with a 2:00 PM service to follow.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S M 129
Pickford, MI 49774

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James Edward Brown Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ James Edward Brown Jr.

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ James Edward Brown Jr.

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ He always shouted out to me saying “Hi Darling” with a big smile! I will miss him too - prayers and thoughts of healing and peace for his family and friends - Jill Halsey



Jill Halsey - January 13, 2022 at 11:10 AM



Please call me at 713 291 1139 he was my love for over a year .I am devisteded because I was going to visit him .please call me Rizalia

Rozalia - January 18, 2022 at 10:07 AM

DE

“ I can't believe you are gone Jim,we shared so many things,silly times,you gave me the look when I ask dymb questions but them laughed,you were a kind and gentle person,always willing to help,when my days were low,you must have had esp,you would show up with your coffee cup,with a hello darlin,we would take for hours,RIP,my thoughts and prayers are with the family!!

Debbie - January 04, 2022 at 01:59 PM

SC

“ RIP Jim. Don't know what I would've done without you when I had horses. You were my go to guy for any problems that came up and half the time you were my veterinarian as well as my farrier.

Steve Charles - January 04, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RO

RIP Jim He was my love for over year. I will always love Jim

Rozaliakotack - February 18, 2022 at 09:17 AM

WF

“ Starr. Your dad was an amazing guy. We are so sorry that he is gone and we are thinking of you and your family. Wendy and Sam Frush

Wendy Frush - January 03, 2022 at 08:54 PM

DN

“ Sending sincere condolences to Jim's family. Jim will be missed by many. We enjoyed seeing and visiting with Jim at the restaurants before covid skeeping all the family in our thoughts and prayers Dan and Cheryl Nettleton

Dan and Cheryl Nettleton - January 03, 2022 at 06:01 PM

GA

“ Gabriele lit a candle in memory of James Edward Brown Jr.



Gabriele - January 03, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Brown Jr..



January 03, 2022 at 05:47 AM

JF

“ Jim was a cowboy through and through. At my intro to the horse world, he was always quick to give advice or lend a hand when I didn't know what I was doing. He will be missed by all those who knew him. Godspeed and Rest In Peace.



Julie Dodson Forrest - January 02, 2022 at 08:27 PM

MZ

“ Jim was our Ferrier for about as long as we had horses. He was such a nice man. He taught us a lot about how to care for our horses. We will always remember his friendly ways. RIP Jim



Mike & Sara Zimmerman - January 02, 2022 at 08:13 PM

SC

“ *I still can't believe Jim's gone. He took care of my horses for 14 years and the whole family loved him. I still have the cat he gave me 2 years ago for my barn, but now he's a house cat. He truly a wonderful man and will never be forgotten at this farm. Prayer to the family.*

Sandy Cece - January 02, 2022 at 07:54 PM

 Kathy
Sherlund

“ *Kathy Sherlund lit a candle in memory of James Edward Brown Jr.*



Kathy Sherlund - January 02, 2022 at 07:25 PM

SC

“ It's hard to think he's gone, but he isn't. Memories flood my thoughts of the years he was part of my life. Good memories of so many things. When I started to think back on all the times, it was amazing how much he was a part of my life. From ice fishing, fishing on the bank of the Munuscong River at night with bells on the poles and a fire, raising steers which with his formula turned out delicious beef every time. He was kind and gentle with every horse I had and any problems or questions he gave me good sound advice, other times he was right here knowing what was best and the right thing to do. We tracked a deer through the woods and fields that he had shot... he was right there with a bee suit on when I got started in beekeeping.... and I have to admit the hives on his property always produced more and better honey. Somehow "we" started raising Royal Palm turkeys that I don't remember ever really wanting to raise, but that's what he showed up with at my place 6 years ago and I'm still raising even more of them now, but the truth be told the meat is delicious and the eggs are awesome. We spent hours playing cribbage and talking and laughing and of course discussing government, political times, religion, history, his time in the army, his days in the rodeo circuit, and of course how he loved his family. His home was filled with pictures of everyone growing up and ribbons won. He truly loved and was so proud of his daughters, son and grandkids. He was a great cook and taught me some of his tricks he learned from his Gram Carter who owned a restaurant down state, plus he made the best biscuits ever. There is so much more but the most important part of Jim was his kindness, compassion, and he could growl and do the eye thing, but underneath it all was a soft heart. Jim stood firm on his beliefs, opinions, and what he thought was right. It wasn't difficult to know where he stood. And one more important part of Jim, if I ever needed anything, he was right there for me. How could I not love the man they called Cowboy.

With love to the family, Sue

Sue Caroffino - January 02, 2022 at 01:31 PM



Joan Nettleton

What a beautiful tribute to the man Jim was our farrier for years and our friend gone to soon he will be fondly remember and missed rest in peace and know that you are loved

Joan Nettleton - January 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM

BE

“ *Betsy lit a candle in memory of James Edward Brown Jr.*



Betsy - January 02, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SC

“ *He was my roommate when we were in the army in Bamberg, he also got me into rodeo while there, he was a good man and will be greatly missed. Rip my friend.*

Steven Craig - January 02, 2022 at 09:04 AM

DW

“ *Jim Brown was a gentle giant. He love working with the kids at horse shows and the fair. He was a mentor to all even the parents that were "horse" Slow. Gracie found him funny and sincere. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Dorie and James Winegard - January 01, 2022 at 09:24 PM

HU

“ *Our most sincere condolences to the family for the loss of a great friend, a great neighbor and an all round super community member. He will be deeply missed by many.*

Helmut and Joanne Umbrasas - January 01, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Edward Brown Jr..



January 01, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Brown Jr..



January 01, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Edward Brown Jr..



January 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Edward Brown Jr..



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