



## James Francis Cryderman

November 16, 1940 - March 27, 2024

James Francis Cryderman, age 83, of Cedarville, Michigan, died at the Pennington Home in Pickford, Michigan, on March 27, 2024. He was born on November 16, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Basil and Mary (McLean) Cryderman.

James grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and attended a local schoolhouse. He worked as a cement finisher before he started working on Mackinac Island, Michigan, as a blacksmith, for forty-two years. He met the love of his life, Carol Ann Bennett, and they married on December 9, 1961, and started their beautiful family.

James was a volunteer firefighter for fifty years in Cedarville.

James was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed pulling horses and ponies, hunting. Tending to his hobby farm, caring for his cows, chickens, horses, ponies, and turkeys. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also an amazing dancer, especially with Carol, where it almost seemed like they would “float on the dance floor.”

James is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Ann Cryderman of Cedarville, and Mary (John) Malkowski of Cedarville; grandchildren, Cori (Tim) McKee, Justin Davenport, and Chelsea (Brent) Aikens; great-grandchildren, Jimmy,

Connor, and Adele McKee, Wyatt Davenport, Natalie, Iris, and Haven Aikens; and siblings, Paul (Shirley) Cryderman; sisters-in-law, Helen Spencer, Irene Cryderman, Alice Bennett, Merrial Kasper, and Rhoda (Bill) Beacom; and brother-in-law Ralph (Karen) Bennett.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Basil and Mary; mother-in-law, Eva Bennett; siblings, Bill (Pat) Cryderman, Newt (Julie) Cryderman, Joseph Cryderman, Sadie (Ken) Sibbald, Dorothy (Ed) Hoffman and Betty (John) Tominac; brothers-in-law, Thomas (Nancy) Bennett, Clayton Bennett, and Gerald Bennett; and sisters-in-law, Sylvia Coveyou, and Geraldine (Greg) LaPrairie.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on April 8, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at Family Life Funeral Homes in Pickford, Michigan. The Memorial Service will follow at 1:00 PM with a light luncheon after the service at Jim and Carol's home, 2004 E Swede Rd., Cedarville, MI 49719.

Final Resting Place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial Contributions can be made out to the Pennington Home, 665 S. Pleasant St, Pickford, MI 49774.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.  
Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
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# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Mitch O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Francis Cryderman.

Mitch O. - April 10, 2024 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ I remember meeting James many years ago while being very good friends with Justin and Chels. I could already tell he was a loving and compassionate person just by chatting with him and realized how big of a part of their lives and how much wisdom he gave both them as they were growing up. The loss of a great person to the community will be never forgotten.

James Roosen - April 08, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MK

“ Carol and Jim were the most down to earth, welcoming and loving couple ever. Carol said after she danced with Jim she didn't want to dance with anyone else. And just before he died his wedding ring fell off and he wanted it back on his left hand. Forever entwined. We love you Jim and Carol!  
Marilyn Kraft  
Dan Izzard

Marilyn Kraft - April 06, 2024 at 06:59 PM

CR

“ *Cherie Rosing Rye lit a candle in memory of James Francis Cryderman*



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**Cherie Rosing Rye** - April 03, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DT

“ *He was also an amazing dancer, especially with Carol, where it almost seemed like they would “float on the dance floor.”*

*So True! Some of my favorite memories are of them dancing!! I miss the days of the garage get togethers with live bands they had at their place. I could never keep up if I danced with him at a wedding reception. Love you Uncle Jim :)*

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**Dawn M Taylor** - April 01, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JD

“ *I miss you every day. You are my hero and who I strive to be like every day. I love you Gramp. The world won't be the same without Superman.*



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**Justin Davenport** - April 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SH

“ *Steve And Bonnie Hewer lit a candle in memory of James Francis Cryderman*



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**Steve and Bonnie Hewer** - April 01, 2024 at 01:02 PM

SH

*Steve worked with Jim for many years on Mackinac Island and that is how I met him. Steve always talks about the good and fun times they had, what humor he had. I will remember that smile and kindness he always showed to me, our condolences to Carol and their family* 💔

**Steve and Bonnie Hewer** - April 01, 2024 at 01:06 PM

CA

“ *We miss you Grandpa Jim, every day. Love,  
Chels, Brent, Natalie, Iris, & Haven*



**Chelsea Aikens** - April 01, 2024 at 12:44 PM