



James E. Hill

November 27, 1922 - December 6, 2018

James Everett Hill, age 96, a lifelong resident of Pickford, Michigan, passed away Thursday evening, December 6, 2018, at the Long Term Care Unit of War Memorial Hospital.

Jim, as his friends called him, was born on November 27, 1922, in Pickford, Michigan to the late Joseph and Veva (Warren) Hill. He graduated from Pickford High School with the class of 1941. He served in the United States Army during World War II in England, France, and Belgium. He met and married his first wife, Barbara Nichols in Cornwall England. They moved to Pickford when the war ended, where they brought four children into the world.

Jim worked and managed Pickford Cashway Lumber Company for nearly three decades. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, trapper, and outdoor enthusiast, and enjoyed golf, bowling, and baseball among the many competitive sports he played. He also was an avid coin and antique collector, a passion he shared with family and friends alike.

After Barbara's death in 1974, Jim married Valarie E. Walker on November 8, 1975, in Lansing, Michigan. Jim was a member of the Pickford Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the American Legion Post #323 where he was historian.

Jim is survived by his wife: Valarie E. Hill; three children: James P. (Kathy) Hill of St. Charles, Illinois, Nicholas (Laura) Hill of Grandville, OH, and Mary Jo (Roger) Zeune of Petalaska, OH; five grandchildren: Hillary (Johan) DeSoto: Las Vegas, Nevada; Sasha (Alex) Shokat: Cleveland, Ohio; Patricia (Matthew) Anderson-Borgman: Batavia, Illinois; James J. Hill: Mountain View California, and Alyson Hill: New York City. There are four great-grandchildren: Sophia Zeune DeSoto, Lucy Anderson, John Anderson, and Kathryn Borgman. Jim is also survived by a sister: Maxine Wonnacott of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and a brother-in-law: Raymond (Delores) Dodds of Pickford, MI.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter: Linda Mitchell, a brother: Warren (Elizabeth) Hill, and a brother-in-law: Calvin Wonnacott.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. Friends may gather at the church from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Long Term Care Activities Fund, War Memorial Hospital, 600 Osborn Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

Tribute Wall

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“ Valerie, Jim, Nick, and Mary Jo: Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. I have wonderful memories of being your next door neighbor



John and Jan Fehner - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathy and love to Valarie and family in the passing of Jim. He will be missed in our community.

Jay and Gerri Leach - December 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing..what great memories Dick and Jim had when looking for treasures..our thoughts and prayers to all his family..

Dick and Sharon Beacom - December 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We Miss you Jim!

Roger and Mary-Jo Zeune - December 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM