



James "Jim" Darrell Fenlon II

August 16, 1963 - November 4, 2025

James Darrell Fenlon II, age 62, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on November 4, 2025, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on August 16, 1963, in St. Ignace, to James Darrell Fenlon I and Betty Mae (France) Fenlon.

"Jim" grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School. After graduation, he attended Northern Michigan University. Following college, he returned to St. Ignace and began his career with the Mackinac County Equalization Department, where he worked for 29 years before retiring in 2015. He continued his work in this field for a number of years after retirement with the State of Michigan and Luce County.

Jim loved being outdoors and took great pride in tending to his compost, many vegetable gardens, and engaging in woodworking projects. He was also a classic vehicle enthusiast who enjoyed all things mechanical. He especially enjoyed spending time with his beloved dog (Eva) and his many camping trips with friends and family throughout the years.

He is survived by his wife, Samantha Fenlon; sons, James (Ashley) Fenlon III, Joshua (Joshua) Fenlon, and Jayson (Kayla) Fenlon; stepchildren, Faith (Vincent) Seewald, Morgan (Jamin) Corwin, David LaVake, and Ryan LaVake; siblings, Patrick Fenlon and Shaun Stahlman; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his second wife, Mary Jane “MJ” Fenlon; parents, James and Betty Fenlon; and brother-in-law, Bradley Stahlman.

In accordance with Jim's wishes, there will be no public services. The family will hold a private memorial at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the No Cancer Patient Left Behind (NCPLB) at the Mackinac Straits Health System - www.mackinacstraitshhealth.org/about/mshs-foundation/ (Select "Hooping for a Cure")

Family Life Funeral Homes – St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of getting to know Jim while working with him at the state. Although we only worked together for a short time, Jim's kindness left lasting impressions, and he will be missed dearly. I have made a donation to "Hooping for a cure" in Jim's Memory. ~ Daina

Daina Norden - November 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM