



James Merlin Kibble, Sr.

August 7, 1959 - June 28, 2018

James Merlin Kibble, Sr., who was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on August 7, 1959, has returned to his heavenly home on June 28, 2018.

He married his lifelong partner and true soul mate Marcia Kay (Lehigh) Kibble on July 7, 1979. They resided in Pickford, Michigan. They had two children: James and Tiffany and adopted a sibling group of five children: Adam, Melody, Toby, Teela, and Josh. He felt blessed to have grandchildren and looked forward to the birth of his great-grandchild.

Those who knew him were inspired by his loving nature. A man of few words, he spoke through his kind deeds and helping hand. His faith in God was expressed in his life and in the way he treated those who came into his life. For 36 years, he worked at Johnson Body Shop, where he enjoyed working with his brother, Ronnie Kibble as an auto body repairman.

He welcomed many children into his home as a foster father as well as anyone who needed a place to stay.

He and his wife owned S'more Memories LLC a campground management company where he was blessed to combine his love of camping with his love of hard work.

He enjoyed dirt bikes, dune buggies, motorcycles, snowmobiles, cars, boats, and horse riding. But his real enjoyment came from his children, grandchildren and great niece and nephew.

Animals had a love for him before others. He had many pets that enjoyed his gentle nature including horses, dogs, and a monkey.

He expressed his love by his constant hard work for the better of his family and friends. This was done through his unending skills of mechanical repair, carpentry, and as a handyman. He was seldom idle and expressed his love in every task he attempted. Many skills he acquired from his mentor, Royce Rader, who has gone before him. He enjoyed helping a stranger, never wanting anything in return.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau where on July 5, 2018, the visitation will be held from 3 until 5:00 PM. His funeral Mass will then be said at 5:00 PM.

His friends and family will meet at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home on July 6th at 3:00 PM for his burial procession to Holy Family Cemetery on M-129.

His life will forever leave a mark on the lives of those who came in contact with his gentle and loving soul.

Tribute Wall

TE

“ I wish I could talk to you now. You taught me so many things. I will forever be grateful for the time I got with you. You had such a beautiful soul. I have so many beautiful memories with you. I miss you dearly. I love you dad. Love Teela

Teela - June 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Prayers to Marcia and family. Your help in tough times is thought about continually. Peace to you.

britt reed - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Cousin Jim was a great guys...he will be missed :(prayers are with you and your family ♡

Nikki Romeri - July 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ So many memories and so many talks, even though we hadn't done much lately together you guys were always in our thoughts. Jim will be missed and all of your friendships will remain with us forever. Stop by for coffee when things settle down...love ya like you are a big part of our family!

Gary Klop - July 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I am so very sorry to hear this. Jim was a very good man. He will be missed by so many..sending hugs and prayers, xo

helen leckenby - July 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

UG

“ Will miss picking you both up for breakfast, we always had a laugh or two even when things were at their worst, love you guys to the moon and back, you always supported us and well as we do for you, going miss him as much as we miss Royce.

U Chuck and A Lucy Godin - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Our sincere condolences to his family. I enjoyed talking with him when he worked at Johnson's Body shop. He will be missed by many.

Bharnz & Robbie Kidla - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Marcia and family, We are sorry to hear about Jim. With deepest sympathy. Michele and Jim

Michele and Jim Traynor - July 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Marcia, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Jim from our RCIA class with Fr.Mark (way back when). I remember what a truly kind and gentle soul he was. I have had passing thoughts of the two of you over the years and wish I would have kept in touch. You are an amazing person and I always admired the amount of love the two of you had to care for so many. You and your family are in my prayers and may God carry you through this difficult time. Christian love, Sally

Sally Findlay - July 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marcia I am so saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!!*

Sherry Skinner (Olmstead) - July 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM