



James Edward St. Onge

October 19, 1944 - December 5, 2024

James Edward St. Onge “Tonto”, age 80, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on December 5, 2024, at the Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace. He was born on October 19, 1944, in St. Ignace to Edward and Beatrice (Biermaker) St. Onge.

James grew up in St. Ignace and attended LaSalle High School. After high school graduation, he began cooking at the Flame Restaurant, then Starline Boats. Later he drove for a moving company and did carpentry work before starting his career at Griffin Beverage Distributors in the 1980’s and retired after twenty-five years. He was also a bouncer at Nicolet for years.

James was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge #999 and a volunteer fireman for the St. Ignace Fire Department.

James loved working and being outside. He also enjoyed making his daily coffee rounds.

James is survived by his wife Brenda (Litzner); daughters; Donna Shipley of Paw Paw, Michigan, Sue Ann St. Onge, Lana Kay St. Onge, Denise (Robert) Maxon and Cara Lee (Doug) St. Andrew all of St. Ignace; grandchildren, Brenda Boyd, Adam Boyd, Tara Burkett, Jason and Jacob Shipley, Gavin St. Onge, Heleana St. Onge-Kissinger, Joshua St. Onge, Michael Lennington,

Taylor St. Onge; many step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Madison Boyd, Martha Andres and Phoebe St. Andrew; brother, Oliver (Sara) St. Onge of Lawton, Michigan; sister-in-law, Nancy Kammers; and many nieces, nephews and cousins who will all miss him dearly.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Beatrice; siblings, Gertrude (Oliver) LaDuke and Reginna (Ralph) Oglesby.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes 999 S. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. The Funeral Service will start immediately after the visitation has concluded. A luncheon will follow at the Moose Lodge, 2999 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

James' final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

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

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - St. Ignace
999 South State Street
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Funeral Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a guy! I had the privilege of knowing Jim as a friend that extends back to sixties when we worked together for "Uncle Russ" at the Sinclair Station where Jim drove cab for Russ. Never a dull moment. Together again serving in the Fire Department where Jim was as fearless a warrior I have ever known. Never a doubt, I always knew Jim had my back. Keep the seat warm my friend till we meet again at the big teepee in the sky. Gone, but never forgotten*

Bruce - December 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Go after Jesus.
Take people
with you.

I love you uncle, wish I spent more time with you. Nothing is more important than God, but family is all we have on earth. Gonna miss you!

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