



James Pitts Williams

November 19, 1928 - November 12, 2018

James Pitts Williams, age 89, of Detour Village, Michigan, passed away Monday, November 12, 2018 at Mercy New Life Hospice in Lorain, Ohio. He was born on November 19, 1928 in Cherry Valley, Arkansas to Roscoe Archie and Catherine (Pitts) Williams.

Jim spent his youth in Cleveland, Ohio and after high school, joined the US Coast Guard, where he dutifully served for 22 years. Several of those years were as a Lighthouse keeper and as a Chief engineer on Cutters and Ice Breakers from Okinawa Japan, Alaska, and all around the Northern and Upper Peninsula of Michigan. While in the Korean War, Jim participated in several combat experiences that he was proud to be a part of. Jim also worked 22 years as 1st, 2nd, 3rd assistant, and Chief engineer on Great Lakes Freighters. After several years in Ohio and retirement, Jim and his wife Rita decided to spend their retirement days in Rita's home town of Detour Village.

Jim is survived by his son, Bill (Vera) Williams of Amherst, Ohio; daughter, Kris (Harry Turner) Williams of Avon Lake, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert Williams of Parma, Ohio and Roger (Joyce) Williams of Whitter, California.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Rita (Winneroski) Williams of Detour

Village.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Detour Village. Father Jose Cherian is Celebrant.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Detour.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road
DeTour, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
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<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
245 Ontario Street
DeTour Village, MI 49725

Tribute Wall



“ *James Pitts Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *James Pitts Williams*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *James Pitts Williams*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one, Mr. Williams. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, fulfilling his original purpose for humans.*

Greene Family - November 23, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Jim, Elie and your CMP Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Pitts Williams.*



Jim, Elie and your CMP Family - November 15, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for the family of James Pitts Williams.*



November 14, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Renee (Williams) Kossman lit a candle in memory of James Pitts Williams*



Renee (Williams) Kossman - November 14, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Uncle Jimmy. Will always carry in my heart the memories of you, Aunt Rita, and Billy and Krissy. Love you, and I know you will be missed.*

Renee (Williams) Kossman - November 14, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Pitts Williams.*



November 13, 2018 at 09:39 PM

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“ *May You Rest in Peace Uncle Jimmy
I have great memories of visiting you and
Aunt Rita, Billy and Krissy.
My heart goes out to your family that goes on
without you.
You left a great legacy.*

*Love,
Roseanne*



Roseanne Pompignano - November 13, 2018 at 09:24 PM

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Rest In Peace Uncle Jim

I will always remember the fun times we had visiting you, Aunt Rita, Bill and Kris. Also, all of the family getting together at grandma & grandpa's for dinners, birthdays & the holidays! We love you and will miss you dearly! Thank you for the memories!

*Love,
Dee-Dee*

Dee-Dee Ray - November 14, 2018 at 12:43 PM

JN

“ *So sorry to hear about jim one great guy*

joanne nelson - November 13, 2018 at 09:32 AM