



James L. Yeack

March 23, 1944 - June 1, 2007

James Leonard Yeack, age 63, of Rudyard, Michigan passed away Friday evening, June 1, 2007 at War Memorial Hospital. Jim was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on March 23, 1944. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1961. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country in Vietnam as a scout sniper. He also helped escort 62 fallen marines to their final resting places. Jim's life revolved around his family, but especially his grandchildren. As a Vietnam Veteran, he strongly supported our troops. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. Jim loved to hunt, go camping, and he was often seen cheering on his son-in-law, Paul's, softball team, the Stalwart Studs. He enjoyed playing the guitar and was a member of the Soggy Bottom Bluegrass Bunch. He is survived by his wife; Andrea (Carlin) Yeack, whom he married in Elkton, Maryland on June 20 1968, his two children; Shannon (Paul) Wonnacott of Dafter, MI and Michael (Beth) Yeack of Manistee, MI, and four grandchildren; Madilyn, Andrew, Jackson, and Joseph. He is also survived by his father; Joseph Yeack of Norway, MI and eight siblings; Tom Yeack, Diane McConnell, Janice Coleman, Bill Yeack, Martha Lehre, Carol Heansler, Fred McMillan, and Terry McMillan. Jim was preceded in death by his mother; Lucille (Clement) Yeack, his step-mother; Edith Yeack, and two brothers; John Yeack and Kenneth McMillan. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with a time of sharing at

7:00 PM. Memorials may be left to the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter #180.

Tribute Wall

AE

“ To Andy and the rest of the Yeack family I remembered when I lived next door to all of you! Andy and Jim were like a mom and dad to me I will never forget when I made student of the month at Rudyard schools and Jim was so proud of me that from that day on he called me student of the month. I have always loved Andy and Jim so very much and will miss Jim. But to Andy Shannon and Mike you will always be in my thoughts and will always be like family to me. I Love You All!

Alicia Ellsworth - July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Andy and Family We are very sorry and sad to hear of Jim passing.He was a great Husband and Father, and a great friend. I will never forget when you would come to our house and i would cook for him . He just loved my cooking .I am sorry I never made that pineapple up side down cake for you guys.Andy when i see you we will have that cake ok I love and miss you . You were wonderful to him bye and ilove you very much Your sister sue WE will miss HIM very much love JOhn&Sue

Susan&John Reynolds - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ I just wanted to say how much Uncle Jim was loved by all that knew him. He was a gentle, loving man and he will be greatly missed. I didn't get to see him much but he always made you feel good and he would always put a big smile on your face. We would always make sure to see him and Aunt Andy when they were visiting PA., mainly because they were fun to be around. When I was kid and even now as an adult I saw him as a big teddy bear. He will be missed and we loved him.

Thank You,
Shannon

Shannon Valley (Basile) - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Andy and family,

So sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. I have informed Adam, Melissa and Todd.

Take care,

Joan

joan Reed - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Andy and Family WE were so sorry to hear about Jim Joe and I WERE SO HAPPY that you were able to come for a visit this spring i am sorry that you couldn't stay a little longer. Jim will be greatly missed. Lv Joe & Marianne

Joe & Marianne Mullin - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear mike & beth & family,
we are very sorry for your loss you all are in are thoughts and
prayers. love kurt jenny & abbey

kurt & jenny carlson - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ to my sister andi,ilove you and will miss jim please take care of
yourself GOD BLESS YOU BROTHER FRANK

frank carlin - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ TO AUNT ANDI,SHANNON,PAUL,MIKE,BETH,KIDS I LOVE HIM
VERY MUCH AND AS HARD AS IT IS TO WRITE THIS .I CAN'T
HELP SMILING THINKING ABOUT ALL THE GREAT TIMES
BETWEEN THE TIMES AT THE HOUSE AND THE CAMP HE
LOUED SO MUCH.I WILL MISS HIM AND NEVER FORGET HOW
GREAT HE WAS .LOVE NEPHEW JOE

JOE MCGOLDRICK - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I was so proud to have known Jim
and i will miss him alot.Growing
up i never had any brothers or sisters,so Jim had become my
brother and i was proud of him.I use to enjoy talking to Jim about his
stories of being a Marine.He was proud to have been a Marine and I
thank him from the bottom of my heart for serving our Country.I to
have a lot of great memories that i will never forget.Andie please
take care of yourself and we will see you soon,and Jim i will miss
you all the great times we had together and i will cherish them all.

Randy Pellegrini - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FY

“ I'm very sorry to hear about this and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

With all my prayers,

Francie, Hailey and Heidi (Daughter and grandchildren of Doris and Clinton Bradley)

Frances Jean Yiirs - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Aunt Andie and family: I didn't know Uncle Jim as well as some, but based on the stories that my family has told me and the entries in this guestbook, he was a great human being! My mom always spoke highly of Uncle Jim "Yickety" Yeack. She told me about the love that you and he had for each other and how you were truly soul mates. I knew him to be funny, kind and gentle. I know he will be sadly missed and I hope your memories will bring you comfort at this difficult time. We love you and you're in our hearts. Love, Meghan, Rich, Joseph and Jackson.

Meghan Hier - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Andie, Shannon, Mike,

The trips out to see Uncle Jim and Aunt Andie with Mom, Pop Carlin, Joe and Little Tommy were the best. The time we all spent together I will always remember.

The best times were spent at the camp shooting bow and arrows, riding four wheelers and tracking bears.

It was such a gift to have known Uncle Jim. He celebrated life in every way. He always had a smile on his face. We will miss him so much.

Tom, Tommy, Paula, Becky and Justin

Tom McGoldrick & Family - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Andy and Family:

I am truly sorry to hear about Jim - he was a great guy. I will always remember his smile as he sat in the stands watching up play softball back in the "olden days" at the Dafter ball field. Keep your memories near - I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts.

Kathy (Campbell) McDowell - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Andy, I am so sorry for you and your family and my prayers are with you all. I just love the both of you and I immediately thought of him as my "baseball coach." What a great time we all had together! He will be greatly missed by everyone. Take care my friend and stop in anytime; I'll be thinking of you at this time.

Chari Fischer - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Andy, Mike, and Shannon:*

I am so sorry to hear about Jim. My prayers are with all of you at this time.

Ramona Failes

Ramona Failes - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Andy and family- I was very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I always loved seeing him when I went to the house. He was full of smiles everytime I saw him and I will miss him terribly.I always felt you were all members of my own family,we have known each other so many years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all and if there is anything you need , I will always be here.*

Annie Folkersma - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ It is with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes that I type this note. I had hoped that this day would not come for many more years. My Uncle Jimmy was a hero in our eyes not only because of his service to our country, but because of the person that he was. He was kind, loving, and honorable. He was proud of his military service and proud to be an American. I am proud to be his niece. Thankfully, my husband Jim, our 2 young sons (Brady and Aidan) and I got to spend our vacations with my Aunt Andie and Uncle Jimmy for the past 5-6 years. We traveled to Michigan to visit and followed them to Florida in the winter so we got to know (and LOVE) them quite well :)

Watching my aunt and uncle together was truly a lesson in love. Their relationship was beautiful to witness. It is something every married couple should aspire to have. The world is a sadder place to have lost such a great man, but I know that heaven is celebrating. Uncle Jimmy, we LOVE you and will miss you terribly. Aunt Andie and family we LOVE and miss you and hope to see you all soon. You are on our minds and in our prayers. Love ya's Laura, Jim, Brady and Aidan

Jim, Laura, Brady and Aidan Ross - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ it was a privilege to know & love jimmy, this march we visited andy & jim in FLA. every wednesday we had dinner @ the marine corps legue, jim called me in to the bar area & told me to stand by the door, he pointed to a line on the door that stated u have to be this tall, so he fuffed up the hair on top of head & said u are now tall enough to come in the bar he called me shorty i love jim to my sister andy u r my hero to shannon paul, mike, beth & children god bless you all please take care of my sister i love you aunt ber

bernadette mcgoldrick and family - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Mike, Beth and kids*
We were sadden to read your e-mail. Please know that you are in our prayers. Keep each other close and give lots of hugs. From what you said Thursday, he knew his time was close. Keep faith in the knowledge that our Lord and Savior knows what is in each of our hearts.

Tom and Mary Alway - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Mike, Beth, Andie, Shannon, Paul and kids,*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, I know it is a hard time for you and Jim will be sadly missed. We had some very nice times with you all and if you need anything just let me know.
Love,
Jan, Wayne and Jeff

Jan Johnson - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *MY BROTHER WAS TRULY A WONDERFUL MAN. AS HIS YOUNGER SISTER I COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER BIG BROTHER, SURE HE USED TO TORMENT ME UNMERCIFULLY WHEN WE WERE KIDS GROWING UP, BUT IT WAS ALL IN FUN (FOR HIM).HE HAD A HEART BIGGER THAN HIMSELF, AND LOVED HIS FAMILY MORE THAN ANYTHING. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME WHEN I NEEDED HIM, HE NEVER LET ME DOWN.*

I AM GOING TO MISS HIM VERY MUCH. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ANDY, SHANNON, MIKE AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN.

JANICE YEACK COLEMAN - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ No GREATER love has anyone had than the love shared by Jim and Andie. Jim loved Andie so much that he lived much longer than anyone expected, just to be with her. Jim loved his children and adored his grandchildren...But it was his love for Andie that kept him going and her love for him that gave her the ability to care for him so well. I wish that everyone could experience the kind of love that the Yeacks had for each other. I will miss him. REMEMBER: Never miss a chance to say I love you! I have alot of funny memories I'll save until we can all sit at Andie's kitchen table and reminisce...Yeack family: Love you and thinking of you all Maggie

Maggie Steur /Andie's sister - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ When I was three, my Grandpa Yeack told me, "You can't blow bubbles in the house." I said, "Yes, I can, Papa. See." And he said, "No, you can't." And I said, Yes, I can, Papa. See." "No, you're not allowed to." And I said, "Oh.." He told me that story probably last year. I laughed so much.

Madilyn Yeack - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Words can not express the heart felt sympathies that we feel. Please take comfort in knowing that you have friends that care during this difficult time.

Jim is resting in peace and I enjoyed every visit that I had with him. I remember the 1st time that I met him when he came to DC to visit and was amazed at the sites and traffic.

Just remember that you have friends in Virginia that care and we'll be there for you anytime you need us, just a phone call away, you can call us anytime-- day or night..-

Love- Andrea, Charlie & Matti Jo

Andrea, Charlie, & Matti Jo Weakley - June 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We are so sorry to hear the sad news. I only met him once but he was a very nice and friendly man! I know this is a very hard time to get through, hang in there and call us if you need anything.

Abe & Linda Thiessen - June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I wouldn't know where to begin to tell anyone how important Jim was to my whole family. He went to school with Kenny's brother. He first came to visit us when the Vietnam wall in Washington, D.C. was dedicated. He came with Joe and Nancy Coullard and Tom Madigan. He was the most polite, considerate man I ever had the pleasure to meet. We became great friends. It was such a laugh when he was taking pictures of all the D.C. sites only to discover that there was no film in his camera. Whenever we visited in the Soo or they visited in Virginia we always had a meal with the Coullards, Madigans and the Yeacks. They say that best friends were the ones that you had known the longest...in this case Jim was a best friend that I only had the pleasure to have known for awhile. It was long enough for me to totally love this gentle giant of a man for his strengths, his love of his family, his dedication to his friends and his love for his wife. They shared their lives together as soul mates. They finished each others thoughts and sentences.

Jim Yeack was welcomed into God's Heaven by his good friend and my soul mate - Kenny. I know that I was truly blessed to have known and counted among my true friends, Jim Yeack.

Joan Lewis - June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Mike and Beth,
My heartfelt sympathies go out to you all. I know how much he touched your lives and the hearts of the kids. Our love and prayers for you and the entire family.

Karen Goddard - June 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM