



Mervin James "Jim" Lockhart

March 12, 1941 - August 20, 2025

Mervin James "Jim" Lockhart, age 84, of Pickford, Michigan, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2025, at MyMichigan Sault in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, surrounded by family. He was born on March 12, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Mervin George and Janice Vivian (Batho) Lockhart.

Jim grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School. On November 4, 1961, Jim married his high school sweetheart, Nancy House, at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. Together they shared nearly 64 years of marriage and built a loving family and life deeply rooted in faith, community, and farming. Jim farmed most of his life and also worked at Lipsett Chevrolet, Pickford Creamery, Golden Producers Dairy, Bancroft Dairy, Taylor Creek Farm, US Steel and the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Throughout the years, Jim was active in his community as a Sunday School teacher, 4-H Sheep Leader, and member of the Farm Bureau. He also shared his love of music as a leader of the Pickford Pickers. He was also known as "Sneakers" the clown for many years. He always had a chocolate chip cookie to share with the gas station attendants and phlebotomists. Jim was a member of the Pickford Global Methodist Church, where his faith guided every part of his life.

Jim is survived by his wife, Nancy Lockhart; his daughters, Sherry (Marty)

Miller of Pickford and Julie (Ted) Coneset of Dafter, Michigan; grandchildren, Ben (Sara) Miller, Jaimi Miller, Hunter (Mana Blas-McLean) Coneset, and Hannah (Logan Corey) Coneset; great-grandchildren, Bo, Brady, Vivian, Carson, Bryson, Cal, Elzie, Lacey, and Cheyenne; bonus daughter, Wendy (Allyson) Martin; bonus grandchildren, Logan Bailey, Brandon (Danielle) Nickerson, and Zachary Gauger; bonus great-grandchildren, Jace and Jackson; and brother, Bill (Ginny) Lockhart of Sault Ste. Marie.

Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelly; parents, Mervin and Janice Lockhart; parents-in-law, Scott and Etta House; sister and brother-in-law, Judith (Frank) Nixon, sister-in-law, Kathryn Maciag, brother-in-law, Joseph Maciag; and niece, Suzanne Gable.

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774, from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. The Funeral Service will immediately follow at 1:00PM.

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

Memorial Contributions may be made in Jim's honor to the Pickford Global Methodist Church, P.O. Box 128 Pickford, MI 49774.

Jim will be remembered for his faith, his devotion to his family, his love of farming, music, tootsie rolls and his steady presence in the community he loved.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
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Tribute Wall

PS

“ So very sorry to recently hear of Jim’s passing. I will always remember how his kindness and congenial personality made a couple of “city folk” feel so very welcome when Dad and I began participating in the Pickford Pickers Saturday sessions. Those times are among my fondest memories of my few years in the U.P. Dad and I both held Jim in high regard and thoroughly enjoyed “pickin’ and singin’” with him. May he rest in peace, and may God bless his family and give them comfort in the weeks and months ahead.

Pam Steward - December 01, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Carol and I have such great memories of spending days with Jim and Nancy during lambing. Jim was always friendly and encouraging. I always enjoyed talking with him. He will be missing by many I am sure. Our condolences to Nancy and his family, may God's Peace be with you now and forever!

Dobby Holland - August 24, 2025 at 02:34 AM

JP

Oh my gosh, I just saw this. My condolences to you Nancy and all your beautiful family. Jim was quite the character, I will always remember his joke telling. He had some good ones and a few stinkers. He will be missed for sure. Big hugs and kisses.

Julie pilcher - August 27, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SS

“ This is Sally Schultz trying to get in touch with you. Phone number i have is not working. Plan on seeing you Monday.

Sally schultz - August 23, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ I worked with Jim for many years at Cedarville Quarry. He always had a smile on his face when I went into the store room to see him. He had a kind spirit towards everyone and was always upbeat. He was a good man. My condolences and prayers for your family during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Cheryl Bender Kutzley

Cheryl Bender Kutzley - August 23, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Growing up, my grandparents lived in Texas until I was in high school. So when we would have Grandparent's Day concerts in elementary school, I had no one to come see me. Not only did "Grandma and Grandpa Lockhart" come to my recital every year, they would come do the classroom visit afterwards. They would bring flowers and a card for me everytime. Jim let me sit on his lap while he told me how good I sang, and Nancy would tell me how pretty my dress was or how cute my hair style was. Grandparents Days in elementary school are some of my most vivid memories from when I was little even though my grandparents by blood were unable to make the trip up. When I was younger, I always felt like I was missing out on the typical grandkid experiences that my classmates would talk about. But when I would open Christmas presents from Jim and Nancy or give them a big hug during a visit, I didn't feel like that anymore. Thank you for all the love Grandpa Lockhart. Thanks for loving me like one of your own for so many years. ❤️❤️❤️

Elaine Chambers - August 22, 2025 at 10:49 PM

SL

“ So sorry for your family’s loss. I will forever cherish the memories I had working for your Dad on the sheep farm. He was a very special man. Very funny and upbeat. Always encouraging. He will be missed greatly. Praying for you all.

Sharon LaJoie - August 22, 2025 at 09:29 PM

PO

“ Jim was a favorite of mine. I called him the candy man. He came to my office many days prior to his shift and would toss me a candy. He was a kind and very thoughtful man. He will be missed by many who knew him. RIP Jim.

Patti Osterhout - August 22, 2025 at 05:31 PM

TJ

“ Jim was a neighbor and friend to our Stanley and Marian Harrison family, including being there for me during my mother's death. So sorry Nancy.
Prayers and peace to you and your family during this sad time. Judy (Harrison) Jarvie and Ted

Theodore Jarvie - August 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM

SS

“ I thought of Jim often as he lived in my aunt and uncles house, Frank and Thelma Hewers in Pickford....

Sharyll Stevenson - August 22, 2025 at 02:50 PM