



Patrick James Durm

December 29, 1953 - September 3, 2020

Patrick James “Jim” Durm, age 66, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died Thursday, September 3, 2020, at his home. He was born December 29, 1953, in Niles, Michigan, to Thomas Patrick and Fern Genevieve (Huyck) Durm.

Jim grew up in Niles where he graduated from Niles High School in 1972. He served in the United States Army from 1972-1974 and then attended Lake Superior State College, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He married Annette Marie Girard on June 26, 1982, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in St. Ignace. They owned and operated Sunset Motel from 1986 until 2017. Jim has also served as Moran Township Supervisor since 2001.

Jim was a member of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was instrumental in the planning of the US-2 Water Project and very involved in the Fr. Marquette Park Project.

Jim enjoyed woodworking, reading, kayaking, and gardening. He loved working around the house on his many projects.

Jim is survived by his wife, Annette Durm; son, David Patrick Durm of Davenport, Iowa; sisters, Kathy (Keith) Schoenleber of Berrien Springs, Michigan, Debbie Durm of St. Ignace, and Susie (Mark) Allen of Grayling,

Michigan; sisters-in-law, Kathy Stephan of St. Ignace and Mary (Rick) Shelagowski of Linwood, Michigan; brother-in-law, Noel (Anne Ekstrom) Girard of St. Ignace; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Fern Durm.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held Wednesday, September 9, at 11:00 AM at Gros Cap Cemetery. Fr. Frank Ricca will conduct the service.

Donations may be made in Mr. Durm's name to McLaren Cheboygan Hospice, 722 South Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

Dodson Funeral Cremation Burial Service of St. Ignace, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Gros Cap Cemetery

1502 US-2
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick James Durm*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Patrick James Durm*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Patrick James Durm*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Oh, Jim... still can't believe you are gone from me and David. I keep thinking you are out visiting him for a few days and then you'll be home... back to me. I am going to miss you, my sweetheart... I love you..... Annette*

Annette Durm - September 06, 2020 at 04:12 PM



Annette: We send our love and support from Southern California to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Our church prayed for you this morning. Your Friends, Nancy and Pepper

Nancy Kelel - September 06, 2020 at 04:25 PM



*Annette and David, We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace.
Randy and Pat Genschaw*

Patricia Genschaw - September 06, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MC

Dear Annette and David. I wish I could be there to wrap my arms around you. God has taken Jim home and out of pain. My love and prayers are with you always in this difficult time. All my love, Shelly❤️

Michelle Caspers - September 06, 2020 at 06:27 PM

MM

I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a sweet man and my dad loved him dearly. I would like to believe they are up there catching up. My thoughts and prayers are with you and David. Meghan

meghan mckinney - September 06, 2020 at 06:39 PM

PC

My dear friend I truly understand that feeling and my heart is breaking for you. Jim is flying with the eagles now and you will be reunited one day. Much love ❤️ *and wishing you peace*

pam call - September 07, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MR

Annette, we are so sad to hear of Jim's passing and are sorry for your great loss. We pray daily that you feel God's peace and consolation. Mark, Mary Ellen, Bob and Teresa Rosiak

Mary Ellen Rosiak - September 07, 2020 at 03:26 PM

GG

Annette and David, so many memories through the years. We was saddened to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your families. John and Gloria Gold

Gloria Gold - September 07, 2020 at 04:59 PM

SS

He is basking in the glory of what we all yearn for. Tho it isn't easy being left on this earth we know Jesus wrapped his arms around him and he followed like a soldier of God. Squirrel I know I just met Jim once but I felt the warmth and kindness from our meeting. You have a gem in heaven waiting for you. I'll be thinking and saying a prayer for you and your son as the coming days will be trying. God bless and embrace you. All my love 🤔 *Susie*

Susan Sova - September 08, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MW

Annette, I am saddened to learn of Jim's death. I pray that you will find comfort in the Comforter. May God's peace be yours. Merv Wyse

Mervin Wyse - September 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM

BR

Oh Annette... Believe me when I say that my heart sank when I heard the news. I am so sorry for your loss...

You guys have been one of the key highlights to our trip up north, and some of the best memories we have had up there were spent in the great "Sunset Motel"... (or the 'Goat Motel' as my sister and I called it when we were young.)

Jim has been in my prayers since I was first informed of his situation, and he shall remain in them. Praying for you always.

-Bob

Bob Rosiak - September 09, 2020 at 12:36 AM

LP

Annette and family, I was heartbroken when I heard of Jim's passing. He was such a sweet and gentle soul. His steadfast, quiet service to the community had an impact that will last for many years to come. I will be forever grateful for the the years of leadership he provided serving as Chair of the board of directors for H.O.M.E. of Mackinac County. His vision and desire for affordable housing helped our organization build and rehab twenty-five homes for first time home-buyers. Jim was always so pleasant, patient and thoughtful when I had to call him in at inconvenient times to review and sign documents. Please accept my heartfelt condolences, and sympathy on the passing of this great man. He will be sorely, missed. May our prayers of support, and the memories of the love you had, sustain you during this time.

*Lori Pieri
Board of Directors of H.O.M.E. of Mackinac County*

Lori S Pieri - September 09, 2020 at 09:26 AM

LP

To Annette, David, Debbie and sisters: May the Lord place His wings around you, bringing comfort and solace at this time. You are in my prayers.

Lynne Piippo

LYNNE M PIIPPO - September 10, 2020 at 12:49 PM