



James Lloyd Baird

October 28, 1938 - January 27, 2019

James L. Baird was born in Midland, Michigan on October, 28, 1938 to George and Virginia (Chase) Baird who predeceased him in 1985 and 1998. He graduated with life-long friends from Caro High School before serving with the United States Marine Corps and attending Bay City (Delta) College. His twenty-years with the Michigan State Police included assignments from Trooper in Grand Haven, L'Anse and Flint to ES Team (SWAT) to Detective First Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division.

While in the MSP, Jim graduated from LCC and MSU, creating a Spartan fan who always supported the Alumni Association and Ralph Young Fund. He hunted and fished from Northern Labrador to Costa Rica while serving Eaton County in several positions; including chairman of the Planning Commission for thirteen years. His private investigation company thrived due to the trusted efforts of several MSP retirees, and provided him with sufficient funds for considerable travel and entertaining friends on Anna Maria Island.

Jim leaves behind the love of his life, his wife Jeanne; his children, Leanna, Dianna, and Joanna; step-daughters, Andrea and Kimberly; grandchildren, Jon Eric (Yo The Doof!), Madalyn, Gunnar, Kaitlyn, and Jacob; step-grandchildren, Tyler and Taylor. He is predeceased by his son, Michael Baird. He leaves this world with many friends, many laughs, not many things not done, and few regrets. Don't cry because it's over, laugh because it

happened.

Two Memorial Services are planned. The first will be held at Terra Ceia Manor in Bradenton, FL, at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. The second will be held at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI, at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 9, 2019. There will be a visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. prior to memorial service. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wounded Warriors, Crosswalk Teen Center in Charlotte, or Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Jim on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Lloyd Baird



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2019 at 05:31 PM



Jeanne Fernsler

Beautiful❤️

Jeanne Fernsler - February 17, 2019 at 02:21 PM

ST

“ He was one of the best bosses I'd had in MSP and a good friend. Rest In Peace Jim.

suzan taylor - May 05, 2019 at 06:29 PM

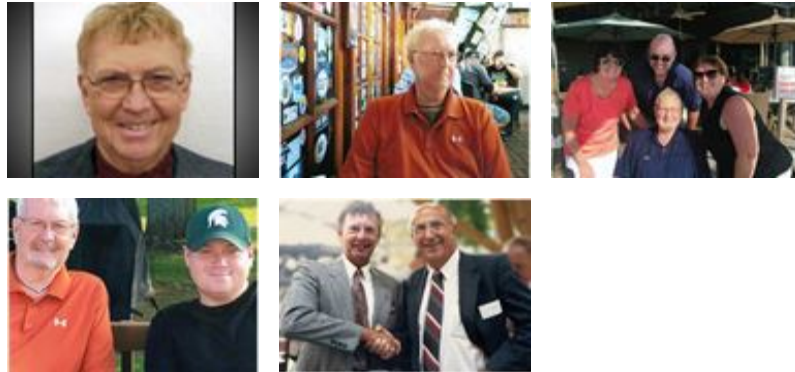
BG

“ Hey Brother and best friend! So sorry I wasn't with you for your last fight, but, I heard your voice, so loud and clear, saying "Hey Amazin'!" as our plane was still in the clouds about to land on January 27....so I knew that you had gone on patrol....with God. Within minutes after I heard you, I received msgs from Joey, Chis, Bill and Neil that you were gone. You gave it a good run, buddy! We had some great times and good talks. Thanks for being my brother, my best friend. Blue Diamonds Forever! Semper Fi! Godspeed. until we meet again I'll be having a coffee and "healthy" cookie at Fay's for you.

Bill Grace - February 09, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2019 at 04:29 PM

RH

I knew Jim, &, was a friend in the 60's & 70's, when he was married to marianna. { I didn;t know his latest wife}....Jim, served his country, & the State of Mich. proudly, & well.

Always like Jim, & we were "good friends"! You could always depend on him....I'll always remember the "good times".....Ron Hatt.

Ronald Hatt - February 08, 2019 at 05:48 PM

RB

“ Ron, John , JC and Beth, Birdie, and Fred Ballweg purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Lloyd Baird .



Ron, John , JC and Beth, Birdie, and Fred Ballweg - February 07, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ Jim and I became friends while driving back and forth every day for 2 years along with Mud English while attending Bay City Junior College. At the end of that time Jim joined the Michigan State Police and Mud and I went on to Michigan State. Years later we began watching Michigan State football together via text messaging. He always kept me up to date with what was going on with the Spartans.

I still remember driving home one Friday night from Unionville and saw the lights of a car in a deep drainage ditch at Tagget's Corner. I got out to check and found Jim sitting in the front seat with a big smile on his face totally unconcerned about how to get his car out of the ditch. I'll let you guess why he was so totally unconcerned.

Jim was always a loyal friend over the years and I will miss him.

John Ballweg - February 07, 2019 at 06:32 PM

MS

“ Murphy & Spagnuolo purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of James Lloyd Baird .



Murphy & Spagnuolo - February 06, 2019 at 03:13 PM

VS

“ My condolences to the entire Baird family. Jim was a man's man and beneath the rough-hewn exterior was a cherubic and impish Irishman. I worked with Jim on many cases and he was a great detective whose work ethic was only surpassed by his cleverness. Jeanne was a Saint for the way she cared for him in his final days. May you Rest in Peace my buddy! Vince Spagnuolo

Vince Spagnuolo - February 06, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lloyd Baird .



February 05, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ My condolences to the Baird family. A good man who spent his life in the service of others. He will be missed by all.

Jim Berry - February 05, 2019 at 07:22 AM



“ Jim and my husband Ron, and all the Caro gang remained such good friends over the years. A better group of friends, you could never find.
May Jim be tipping a drink with Ron OKelly and my Ron! He will be missed. ((hugs)) to you Jeanne

Your friend
Pat Ballweg

pat ballweg - February 04, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. May the God of comfort continue to surround you with love and support during these painful days(2Cor 1:3,4).

Laura walker - February 04, 2019 at 01:34 PM

DF

“ Jim moved to Caro, MI around 1950 when we were in junior high. While in High School we became great friends and have remained so for the last 66 years.

When we were seniors in high school Jim talked to the military recruiter about joining the Marines after graduation. So during the summer of 1957 Jim rounded up 9 of his buddies (including me) and convinced us to join with him. So 10 of us boys from Caro joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and left for boot camp together.

Jim became a Gun-Ho Marine and then after the military a proud Michigan State trooper until his retirement. He then started his own Investigation agency for several years.

Jim was very personable and the most generous person I have known. He was always willing to help anyone that needed it. He will be greatly missed by anyone that knew him.

Forever your friend-
Dick Fullmer

Dick Fullmer - February 04, 2019 at 09:40 AM

DP

“ Many memories and fun times. So long old friend for now.....

David Purdy

David Purdy - February 02, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JH

“ What can I say about Jim. Well the first day we moved in here he came over and introduced himself and welcome us to the neighborhood. And said if we needed anything don't hesitate to ask. He was such a wonderful neighbor. He will be deeply missed our thoughts and prayers go out to hit family. The Hatten Family

Julie Hatten - February 02, 2019 at 09:53 AM

TF

“ Hello my name is Tosha Fitzgerald. My mother in law Connie Fitzgerald use to work with Jim and I have heard several funny stories about their day's at MSP. We talked about him often. We lost mom three years ago. I am so sorry for your loss, I just know with all the wonderful things Mom told me your family was blessed and have his memories to cherish. God bless you all.

Tosha Fitzgerald - February 01, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ I remember; all the family reunions, walks at the Lake, all the family card games just about anywhere there were 4 people, the story telling, the laughter, the Peacock, the luncheons with Jim and my brother. More than a cousin, he was my friend. Love you Jimmy.

Barbara Timm

Barbara Timm - February 01, 2019 at 11:19 AM

JO

The peacock made me laugh all over again. Love you Aunt Barb -Joee

Joanna - February 04, 2019 at 04:23 AM

FS

“ I found this old photo of Jim taken in 1998 during the first MSP Flint Post #35 reunion held at Walli's Super Club in Mt. Morris Township. Jim is in the center. To the left is retired F/Lt Bob Steward, (now deceased) who was a sgt. at Flint and later, P/C in St. Ignace. I'm not sure of the person on the right. Photo by Fred Shannon.



Frederick Shannon - January 30, 2019 at 08:05 PM

DH

“ *What a guy! I will always remember his jaunty air, great laughs when he would come into Smith's Menswear, and great hugs. Peace to all his friends and family*

Diane Hudson

Diane Hudson - January 30, 2019 at 12:36 PM

RG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jim and I were in the same recruit school with the MSP.*

Roy Gaddy - January 30, 2019 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ *Jim's daughters: No one in this world can love a girl more than her father. He will always be your hero and his love, words of advice and life's lessons will be with you always. I am so sorry for your loss and pray you feel surrounded by much love.*

Deb

Deb Moore - January 30, 2019 at 07:47 AM

FS

“ I am very saddened to hear this news. I first met "Jimmy" when I was a rookie officer at the Swartz Creek Police Department and the Michigan State Police Flint Post handled our dispatching calls at night. Jim was the perfect example of an MSP Trooper and became my mentor early in my career. We also became off-duty friends with Jim being an usher at my wedding in 1969. To his family, please know how much his advice, guidance and example meant to myself and other young patrolmen of that era. Frederick Shannon, Mt. Morris, Mich.



Frederick Shannon - January 30, 2019 at 01:45 AM

JO

This was very sweet. Thank you very much. I miss my Dad already. - Joanna.

Joanna - January 30, 2019 at 03:11 AM

KH

“ To all who loved him....I am so sorry for the loss of Jim. Jon Eric...I know how special your relationship was and I am soooooo sorry for the loss of the man that you held in such high regard. From my days at Wilderns, to the days of dropping you off at his home, I know your grandpa meant the world to you. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Kiki (Kerrin Sudrovech-Hetland)

Kerrin Marie Hetland - January 29, 2019 at 09:53 PM

BF

“ LeAnna, Joey and DeeDee. So sorry on the loss of your Dad. I know it is a hard time for you and wish we could be there with you. We send our love, prayers and support to each of you.
Tom and Barb Fulton



Barb Fulton - January 29, 2019 at 07:21 PM

JR

Jim Baird, what can I say. A gentlemen, fun, true to his friends, a mentor to many, very good at whatever he set his mind too and that was many things, Loved his family and his Jeanne. He leaves a proud legacy. Joan Raines

Joan Raines - January 30, 2019 at 07:50 AM

PM

to "cousin boo-boo" the best guy anyone could know. I will miss you and your laughter. cousin pat{chase} mason

pat mason - January 30, 2019 at 10:04 AM

RH

It was about 1968, & Jim & I, were traveling toward Durand, on M78, after dark.....& a "Hapless" dolt pulled me over, { I was driving}, & pretended to be a police officer, We got his lic. #, & the next day, Jim confronted " him in uniform", & arrested him for impersonating a police officer!.....:O}}}

Ronald Hatt - February 08, 2019 at 05:59 PM

KT

I'm so sorry I never saw that we lost Jim. He was a stinker.

Kim Torkko - January 03, 2021 at 05:27 PM