



James Duane Baum

October 29, 1935 - April 26, 2025

James Duane Baum, 89, of Charlotte, a generous-hearted man of God, died peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Jim was born October 29, 1935 in Springport, the son of Daniel and Goldie (Gettys) Baum. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1954 before going to work as a millwright at General Motors. On November 25, 1955, Jim married the love of his life, Delores Fox, and the two happily raised their three sons at home on the farm. Jim loved agricultural life. After a full day's work at GM, he would come home to a full set of chores and an evening working the farm. Jim could fix anything. On the job as a millwright, he was a talented welder, and at home on the farm he kept everything working properly. He also served his country as a member of the Michigan National Guard. He was a gifted healer, using his homeopathic wizardry to help many people with their ills. Jim was known to help anyone and everyone however they needed it. He was a longtime Elder at the Charlotte Church of Christ, where he shared God's grace and mercy with everyone he met.

Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Delores; their sons, Gary (Julie), Dennis and Steven Baum; grandchildren, Dustin (Kila) Baum, Katie (Michael Middaugh II) Baum, Kelly (Zack) Hartsuff, Danielle (Shaun) Thompson, Michael (Sara) Baum; 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his brothers, Francis Laverne Baum and Jack Baum; and his sister, Betty Jane Danku.

Friends are encouraged to support Jim's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (with visitation 12-1:00 p.m.) at the Charlotte Church of Christ with Rev. John Bailey officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Jim's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Charlotte Church of Christ, Siren Eaton Shelter, or the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

MAY 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte Church of Christ
64 VanSickle Dr.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

MAY 22. 2:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery - Hamlin Twp
8985 E. Spicerville Highway
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Duane Baum*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2025 at 02:10 PM

RO

“ *Robyn Otenev lit a candle in memory of James Duane Baum*



Robyn Otenev - May 22, 2025 at 07:59 PM

GR

“ *Our hearts go out to the Baum family, Jim was such an amazing individual. Everytime we saw eachother he would speak about his new research of herbs and how to use them, and any subject we were willing to learn about with him as the teacher. Personally for me, I was always treated as if he knew me since I was a tot, even though I was a wife and a mother. Well I'm sure at my age compared to his, I was a tot to him. He made me feel welcomed and loved. If you need anything from the Reed clan please reach out to anyone of us. We love you all*

Giovana Reed - May 21, 2025 at 10:06 PM

CP

“ I’ve known Jim and Delores since I was the manager of Helping Hands. Then, when we were looking for a new place to worship, they invited us to Church of Christ. We had recently made the decision to move to Illinois to live closer to our adult children. I don’t have words to describe or express the support they gave us as we worked through everything that was necessary to actually let us drive out of Charlotte, the place we had called home for over 60 years.

Jim was like a father that I never had. Gentle. Kind and caring. Honest and forthright. Generous and giving in all the ways that matter! He was the epitome of a godly man; a husband who loved his wife. Not just words, because he spoke through his actions. He didn’t just talk about Jesus, he lived exemplifying Jesus day in and day out!!

I have no doubt that when he reached the gates of heaven, he heard, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into thy rest.” I am so thankful, and beyond blessed, to have known Jim, and called him my friend and brother in Christ.

Delores, I wish I could be there with you. Please know I love you dearly; and you are in my thoughts and prayers. I’m not able to travel, nor able to leave Ray. I’d be there if I could. God bless you my sweet sister in Christ. ❤️❤️❤️❤️🎵

Carolyn Putney - May 21, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Duane Baum.



May 20, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Duane Baum.

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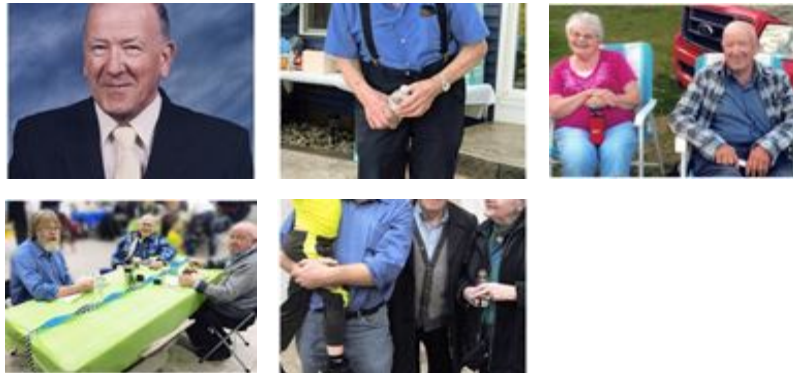
“ Robin And Spencer lit a candle in memory of James Duane Baum



Robin and Spencer - May 20, 2025 at 06:10 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2025 at 02:05 PM

PH

“ *Delores and Family,*
Jim and Delores were the first people I became friends with after moving here. As a neighbor and from the city I used to say to Jim, I bet you look out your window and laugh at the city girl trying to farm. Jim would say, "sometimes". I sure gave enough things to laugh at. I sure will miss how Jim could show 4 big guys how to move and carry things. Those items would still be suck in my driveway without his rope technique. I will miss your dad, and I am just a stone throw away to check on your mom, who I adore.

Some people leave a lasting memory on your life, even if you only meet them for a second. Jim is one that I will always remember.

From the crazy city lady turned crazy nature farm girl-thank you James, Delores and Family for being in my life. Hugs!

Pamela Ann Horner - May 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

PB

“ *Delores and Family,*

You and Delores were always so very special in my eyes. The love you showed each other and your giving ways. You were always willing to go out of your way to help someone and tell them about the Lord. Jim has a special place in heaven and I am sending hugs to the family.

Pauline Borgman

Pauline Borgman - May 05, 2025 at 12:35 PM

EC

“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

ECHRS - May 01, 2025 at 01:23 PM

KR

“ *Jim was my Journeyman when I was in my Apprenticeship. He was a great role model. He will be missed. My condolences to the Family.*

Keith D Rickafellow - April 30, 2025 at 09:55 PM

KR

Rockafellow

Keith D Rockafellow - April 30, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JS

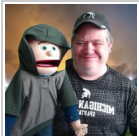
“ *Very sorry for the Baum family's loss.*

Jeff Smith - April 30, 2025 at 09:35 AM

JS

“ *Such a nice man. It was always a pleasure to see him and Delores at various parties and gatherings. Our hearts and prayers are with the Baum family.*

John & Korie Spitzley - April 29, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ *Brandon Cross lit a candle in memory of James Duane Baum*



Brandon Cross - April 29, 2025 at 03:23 AM