



## James Kay Bly

June 4, 1969 - August 30, 2021

James Kay Bly, a big hearted and very stubborn man, died August 30, 2021 at his home in Forestville, MI. Born in Charlotte, MI on June 4, 1969 to John K. and Brenda K. (Beck) Bly, he grew up in the town and graduated from Charlotte High School. At the age of 12, Jimmy was diagnosed with diabetes, and at the time it was very unusual for someone diagnosed so young to live beyond their 20's, but he was a dedicated soldier in fighting diabetes and fought the odds to live a very full life.

Always free-spirited, James loved the outdoors and lots of activities that would take him there. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and cooking on the campfire, and riding his Harley motorcycle. Old Westerns with John Wayne were his favorite movies. James was also an extremely patriotic person and proud to be an American. He owned Jimmy B's Flooring and over the years also worked in a lumber yard, worked as a machinist, and was a brick maker. The kind of man that would give you the shirt off his back, James was a very genuine man with a lot of love to share.

James was a loving father, dedicated husband, and beloved son and will be greatly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife, Amy; son, Scott Bly (Kara Johnson); granddaughter, Taeah; parents, John and Brenda Bly; brother, John K. (Lisa) Bly II; in-laws, Daniel (Pamela) Jorae; and close friends, Mavis, Gary (Yvette), Will, and Fred (Danielle). He was predeceased

by his grandparents.

Friends are encouraged to support the family by attending services or sharing memories on James' Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Thursday, September 2, 5-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Friday, September 3, 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Jones 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](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on James' tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org)). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home, Inc.  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
(517) 543-2950  
<https://www.prayfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home, Inc.  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
(517) 543-2950  
<https://www.prayfuneral.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James Kay Bly*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 03, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Kay Bly*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 02, 2021 at 02:44 PM

DS

*Good neighborhood friend from back in the 80's ride on brother*

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**Dane smith** - September 02, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TF

“ *John and Brenda, I am so sorry to hear about the death of your son, James. The loss of a child is the hardest loss for any parents to go through. Please accept my sincerest sympathy. Tom Fullerton*

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**Tom Fullerton** - September 07, 2021 at 10:42 AM

EB

“ Amy,

*I'm very sorry for your loss. I lost my best friend to diabetes at age 34. However, Gerard never married or found love like your husband did in you. Although James passing is an unimaginable tragedy, it's truly a blessing that he was able to live a special life beyond his expected years and find love with you. Bless you and James for sharing that gift and for being by his side in his last days. My Sympathy and condolences for you and your family. May your hearts heal over time but not forget your lasting memories of him.*

*Sincerely,*

*Erik Badgley*

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**Erik Badgley** - September 03, 2021 at 02:44 PM

JJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jessica Jorae** - September 03, 2021 at 07:46 AM

BS

“ Jimmy... you were always so supportive of me. You watched me play basketball and were so supportive while I played football. One time I saw you at a CMU vs MSU game. Knowing I went to CMU, but not seeing me for a while, you said "what are you doing out here?! You aren't tailgating, I thought I'd see you out there playing today!" A couple other good memories are when you brought Scott over the first time and we all made fun of you snoring through the floor 😂 Scott said, "he sounds like a bear that's in hibernation." Or the time we went fishing and you got fried saying "I don't need sunscreen. I never burn." Or when we went paintballing and you used my gun, the gun jammed. You looked frustrated as you tried to figure it out. Then you aimed it at your hand and shot it into your hand lol

Gone way too soon and I thank you for everything you did.

-Ben Suchecki

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**Ben Suchecki** - September 02, 2021 at 09:52 PM

GE

“ I am deeply saddened, (as many others are I am sure), to have suddenly lost the presence of this young man. I did not know him for as long or as well as many may have. I will remember the spirit of him calm and ready. Always willing to volunteer to help others. Always ready to add reason and support. I am gonna miss you brother!

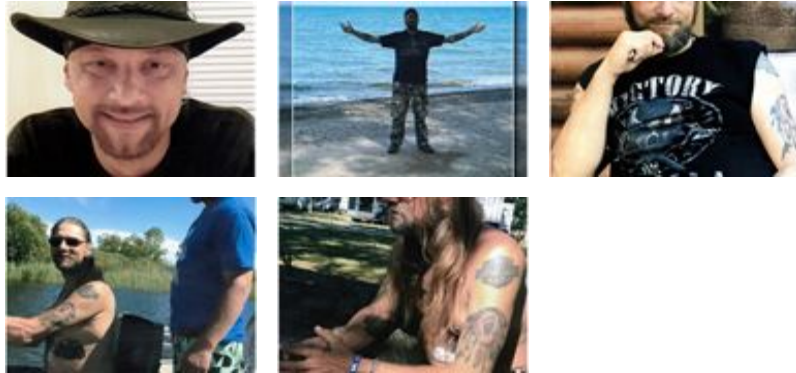
Guy Elsenheimer  
MMM member and friend

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**Guy Elsenheimer** - September 02, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ 48 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 02, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .



September 02, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ PHIL and MARILYN MASTERS purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Kay Bly .



PHIL and MARILYN MASTERS - September 02, 2021 at 09:13 AM

VS

“ My biggest memory of him was a work meeting we had... Not sure how long he and Amy had been dating by this point but of course we all knew because she came to see him on lunch ❤️ so we knew it was something.. Anyway.. We had a meeting at work telling us we could no longer wear wedding bands/rings. He was really bother by this. His almost exact words so in order to stay employeed here we have to go against God? Although not married he had it in his head by this point that he wanted to marry Amy. He had alot on his health plate and she knew it and stood by him 1000% especially once Covid hit and he left work with good reason. I am very sadden that he fought so hard and did everything right by his diabetes and still lost. But he had a beautiful wife who stood by him. And more sadden his child and grandchild. But also the parents who raised such a good man. Prayers and hugs to his whole family. A young life lost.

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**Vicky Shutz** - September 02, 2021 at 04:48 AM

PP

“ Amy,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. James sounded like a wonderful person. May God comfort you and provide you peace.*

*Penny Proctor*



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**Penny Proctor** - September 01, 2021 at 11:35 PM

MP

“ My brother my soulmate my heart. I was blessed to call you one of my very best friends. Your feisty & loving spirit will live in all who knew you. Life won't be the same without you. I'm going to miss you terribly. Rest easy. I love you Jimmy B.

Mavis Perez - September 01, 2021 at 10:43 PM

DT

“ My condolences and prayers for Big John and Brenda, Amy, Scott and his brother John(Lisa). We were like family in our youth and grew apart but being one of my oldest friends it was hard to hear this tonight, Rest In Peace my old friend and thank you for all the wonderful memories...

Dean Turner - September 01, 2021 at 08:24 PM

KM

“ James oh my brother you will be missed greatly. You have been there for me many times over and over again. The best brother I could ever ask or wanted. Met him at work and we grew close personal friends. I can't imagine this world without his beautiful soul. Hard working, loving, kind hearted man that he was!! I will cherish the memories , laughs and hugs that always seemed to make everything better. Dancing our hearts out to get through the day!! James Bly, soar into that big beautiful sky.

Katrina Miller - September 01, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .



September 01, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DB

“ Skip and i are so blessed to known such a fine person i will miss his smile and laugh. We will miss you jimmy ride like the wind skip and denise Brown

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**Denise brown** - September 01, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .



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September 01, 2021 at 05:45 PM

MW

“ After reading Jims obituary it was clear that he lived every minute to the fullest. He sounded like an incredible person. The last time I saw him was his graduation party at the Bly house. Brenda and John, I know you're in so much pain and it's hard to say the right thing. I can only say my heart aches for your loss and I will see you very soon. Love, Michelle

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**Michelle Wilmore** - September 01, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RB

“ I have been so Blessed to have been called “Big Brother” by who I considered my “Little Brother”. Jim was a Spirit Guide and Inspiration for me. We had an instant closeness and a connection as to Walking in the Native American way. Our Hearts and Prayer go out to ALL Jim’s Family. Jim was Definitely Loved and will be missed. We will spread, Cedar, Sage, Tobacco, and, Sweetgrass in Jim’s Honor. Walk on my little brother, walk on! Please, if there’s anything we can do please let us know. Ruby & Doug Babcock, (517)285-6112.

Ruby & Douglas Babcock - September 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM

RS

“ John and Benda & Family,  
I am saddened at the passing of Jimmy. I will always treasure his smile. He always had a kind word to say when he greeted you. May we always remember him for those treasured moments. With love,  
Jan and Roger

Roger Small - September 01, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .



September 01, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .*



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September 01, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .*



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September 01, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Kay Bly .*



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September 01, 2021 at 02:42 PM

CN

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jim thru my sister (Lisa) who is married to his brother John.

There are no words to help ease the loss and grief right now. But there are memories and wonderful moments that Jim was part of in his lifetime. His bond with his brother and his fondness for my sister is something that will be in their hearts forever. He always was nice to me and ready for fun. He lived life Jim's way. Fly high Jim in peace and continue to watch over those who love you.

*Cindy Ghedotte Nagy and Family*

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**Cindy Ghedotte Nagy** - September 01, 2021 at 02:35 PM

KS

I've known Jimmy since we were kids and I am very saddened by this news. May all of your hearts be filled with peace, knowing he's never going to suffer again. I haven't seen him for a long time but I went to school with him and Amy. Keri Alling Sheets

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**Keri Alling Sheets** - September 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM