



James Roger Kolk

December 2, 1937 - March 6, 2024

James Roger Kolk, a man who loved his cowboy boots and cowboy hat, died on March 6, 2024. Mr. Kolk, 86, of Charlotte was born December 2, 1937 in Fremont, Michigan to Darrel Kolk and Florence (Boeskool) Kolk.

James loved deeply, no matter what, and shared that love with his outgoing personality. He graduated from Cedar Springs High School, and attended Western Michigan University where he quarterbacked for the WMU Broncos. James married Janet Wiechmann on August 30, 1977, and they began the adventure of family together. James loved all sports, but specifically football, basketball and baseball. Because of his love for sports, he helped coach football at Sexton High School in Lansing.

James' career was a meat cutter at Meijer, and he also served as a medic in the Army Reserve. His love for horses led him to raise and race Quarter horses. Jim and Janet could often be found at their table at the Mt. Pleasant race track. He was very proud of his family, and was sure to be in the stands for every horse show his grandchildren were in. The family remembers James repeating his two favorite sayings, "Do as I say not as I do," and "You can argue with me, but you're still wrong." Proud of his heritage, he taught his grandchildren to say, "If you're not Dutch, you're not much." They all smile about it.

Mr. Kolk is survived by his wife, Janet; his children, Kim (Richard) Brim, Kelly

(Mike) Bofysil, Kraig (Tara) Kolk, and Kevin Kolk; seven grandchildren; Lauren, Kortney, Lindsey, Lacey, James, Janet, Jordan; siblings, Fritz (Muriel) Kolk, Sara (Paul) Block, and Lisa VanZomeran; and several great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Darrel and Florence Kolk.

Friends are encouraged to support James' family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Monday, March 11, 2024, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The Funeral service is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor 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 James' tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton County Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAR 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James Roger Kolk*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 12, 2024 at 10:28 AM

KW

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It was a lovely service too. Roger & Phyllis Wiechmann, Kristin & Pat Winters

Kristin Winters - March 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Roger Kolk*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 11, 2024 at 09:36 PM

EK

Was Jim # 14? and Rodney Pennington #70?

Ells Kolk - March 12, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ *r.i.p. old friend.*

Jerry Brooks - March 11, 2024 at 06:16 PM

LS

Lauren & I (Lindsey) joined the service virtually from afar with 7 of his great grandchildren watching the testimony of his life & faith in God. We are grateful to have been able to join. He was a wonderful grandfather and we have such lovely memories of him. Prayers for Grandma Janet. It's comforting knowing he is with the Lord.

Lindsey Skilling - March 12, 2024 at 09:59 PM

KF

“ *Korrey DeLand and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



Korrey DeLand and Family - March 11, 2024 at 05:44 PM



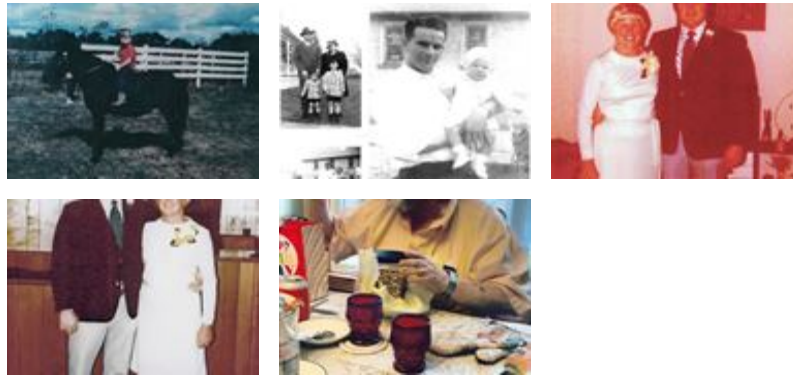
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



March 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Jim was a friend, a high school classmate , a fraternity brother and my College Room mate. He was as truly a Good person. He will be missed! Deepest sympathies to Janet and his family*

*Bruce Rayce
Midland*

Bruce Rayce - March 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

MH

“ *Mark & Nancy Haveman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



Mark & Nancy Haveman - March 08, 2024 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ *The Brookhouse Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Roger Kolk.*

The Brookhouse Family - March 08, 2024 at 08:32 AM

TF

“ *The Brookhouse Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



The Brookhouse Family - March 08, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



March 07, 2024 at 10:44 PM

FF

“ *From the Wiechmann and Winters Families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Roger Kolk.*



From the Wiechmann and Winters Families - March 07, 2024
at 06:58 PM