



## James Marion Lerch

August 22, 1957 - November 15, 2021

James Marion Lerch, an avid bowler and patriotic man, died November 15, 2021 at the age of 64. He was born August 22, 1957 in Charlotte to James and Jean (Denherder) Lerch. Traveling the country on his Harley, James enjoyed lots of road trips but his favorite place to visit was always Las Vegas. Many people will remember James from bowling, as he bowled on leagues for over 20 years, and from Reidy's Pizza where he was a bartender. Some of James favorite things including watching the Detroit Tigers play baseball, listening to country music, and enjoying a cocktail with friends. He also worked as an estimator for lumber yards including Wolohan Lumber and Barry County Lumber, giving builders estimates for the supplies they needed to complete their projects.

James is survived by siblings, Patricia (Milt) Freeman, Beverly Daniels (Robert Swan), Michael (Valerie) Lerch; and many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and his loving feline friend of 22 years, Annie the cat.

Friends and family are encouraged to support James' family by attending services or sharing memories on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Sunday, November 21, 4-6:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Monday, November 22, 1:00 PM at the funeral home. 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). Memorial contributions are suggested to any veteran service organization. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James Marion Lerch*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 22, 2021 at 08:30 AM



*very good*

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**Inez Kreischer** - November 22, 2021 at 11:26 PM

JG

“ *Happy birthday, I missed calling you today to tell you that. I also missed you calling me yesterday to wish me a happy birthday.*

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**Jason Gay** - August 22, 2022 at 09:27 PM

TH

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for the family. Jim will be missed by many. I knew Jim from Riedy's. He was always so kind, such a gentleman and had a great sense of humor. I'm grateful for and will miss the many conversations and laughs we had. One of my favorite stories happened right after his cataract surgery. He was wide eyed and so amazed how well he could see. He went on and on about how he never knew, couldn't believe his house was so dirty. He told me he couldn't stop cleaning. He'd no sooner finish cleaning one thing then he'd see something else and something else after that. We laughed so hard as he told me he ended up spending a whole day cleaning and was exhausted!

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**Tami Hayward** - November 21, 2021 at 08:46 PM

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“ I will miss him dearly i will never forget the great times i made with him. I use to spend alot of time with him and my aunt cindy at there house. I remember painting the inside of a renter house for them it was my first ever painting.

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**Angela moeller** - November 17, 2021 at 01:01 PM

JS

“ I worked with jimmy at Riedy's for 3 years. When it was a very busy or rough night I'd ask jimmy "am i fired?" To which he'd always say "no". I have so many great memories that jimmy is a part of. Whenever I think of him it almost always involves a memory of laughter. Rip friend you'll be missed!

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**Jessica Francene Struble** - November 17, 2021 at 08:07 AM

EH

“ *my memory of Jim is when him and friends came to Lynchberg TN on their bikes and camped in my backyard what a fun time that was. Prayers for the family*

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**Elaine Hamilton** - November 16, 2021 at 01:58 PM