



James Michael Moran

August 31, 1929 - August 21, 2020

James Michael Moran, 90 of Charlotte, known for his smile and happy nature, died August 21, 2020. Jim was born August 31, 1929 to Paul and Loretta (White) Moran in Belding, MI, where he grew up, graduated from high school, and met his wife at the BelRockton dance hall in the early 1950's. In 1954, Jim married his sweetheart, Ann, and they moved to Charlotte about ten years later. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. After working for 35 years in the Sears-Roebuck automotive center in East Lansing as a mechanic, Jim retired and lived to "take it easy," as he always told his friends and family when he would say goodbye after a visit.

A sports fan, Jim loved watching sports on TV, but especially the Detroit Tigers baseball team. He also enjoyed western's, especially Gunsmoke, and any movies with John Wayne. His neighbors remember him walking around the neighborhood every day, and enjoying coffee at Burger King or McDonalds with his friends.

An easy-going, family man, Jim loved his family and was very proud of his kids, but gave most of the credit for the way they turned out to his wonderful wife, Ann. A simple man with simple needs, Jim always had advice and a wrench to fix the kids troubles and cars over the years. Jim loved his grandkids and enjoyed going to all of their sporting events.

Jim's family will miss his smile. He is survived by his children, Pat (Dale) McGilvra, Sandy (David) Valade, Denise (Jim) Emede, Colleen (Edward) Osario, Marcy (Tim) Kozerski, Paul (Jodi) Moran, and Christy Moran; grandchildren, Jason (Andrea) McGilvra, Bill and Ashley McGilvra, Jordan Emede, Leslie, Michelle and Jim Osario, Michael, Steven and Katie Kozerski, Tom and Bobbi Moran, and Kyle Greene; great-grandchildren, Connor Shaull, Chloe and Kenley McGilvra, Hailey Armas, and Jace Quiroga; sister, Mary Mumby; brothers, William Moran and Dan Moran; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Ann; brother, Jack; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Jim's family. Mask and distancing guidelines will be practiced. Funeral services are Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation is Monday, August 24, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM inside the funeral home. The funeral service 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, and then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. 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.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James Michael Moran*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 24, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James Michael Moran*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 23, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Some people's personality's are such that it's hard to believe they're gone.*

Love to my cousins.

Mary

mary miller - September 06, 2020 at 10:03 PM

PM

“ I worked with Jim "Bugsy" at Sears in the garage in the early 80's as a cashier! He had the best smile and laugh! Sometimes when he would sputter it was always followed by a chuckle. Such a sweet man! Sending prayers of comfort for all his friends and family!

Polly Milligan - August 25, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Michael Moran .



August 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of James Michael Moran



Chad & Carol Walker - August 24, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 23, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ I want to remines jims coach Rudness during a football game probably against rival greenville, though injury to his lower leg oh just tape it up and sent him back in to play out the game where he passed out account the pain. Later when the swelling subsided xrays showed broken leg, so that ended jims football for the season. I remember later witnessing him on crutches trying to get around crowded halls making classes and his fight to keep going. Brother Bill

bill moran - August 23, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Moran .



August 22, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *My sympathies to all my nieces and nephew:
Patty, Sandy, Denise, Colleen, Marcy, Christy and Paul*

*You had a wonderful and loving father and I had a wonderful and loving brother. I'll miss our talks and his laugh. My prayers are with you all,
Love Aunt Mary*

Sharing one of my favorite pictures of all of us.



Ellen Fisher - August 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM

CA

“ *I will always remember my uncle Jim's smile and laugh. A very special man. Love to his family. Caren*

Caren - August 22, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Michael Moran .*



August 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM