



James Michael Shaver

July 16, 1948 - January 23, 2026

James Michael Shaver, a hardworking man who provided for his family, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2026. James, 77, of Charlotte, was born on July 16, 1948, in Lansing, the son of John and Catherine (O'Dell) Shaver. Shortly after graduating from high school, James married Cindy Lou Priesman, they were married for 58 wonderful years until her passing on July 30, 2025. James worked as a pipefitter for General Motors, retiring after 30 plus years in 2001. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed the thrill of the hunt and the zip of each cast fishing. His favorite memory was when he tagged his first buck and fishing on the Looking Glass River in his youth. James was active in the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, Quality Deer Management, and the Chief Okemos Sportsman Club. James was a man who could fix anything, he also enjoyed watching sports, especially MSU.

James is survived by his children, Donna Lynn Zaluga and James Michael Shaver Jr.; grandchildren, Eric Batt, Joshua Zaluga, and Dalton Zaluga; seven great-grandchildren, Joey, Jackson, Emberlynn, Brooklynn, Nathaniel, Emmett, and Gracelynn; siblings, Patricia Darby, John E. (Charlotte) Shaver Jr., and Thomas (Martha) Shaver. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Cindy Lou Shaver; his parents; and brother-in-law, Dave Darby.

Friends are encouraged to support James's family by attending services or

sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Funeral services are Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 9-11:00 a.m. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



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



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 30 at 01:09 PM

MP

Rest in in peace Jim &Cindy

Mario Petersen - February 04 at 09:41 AM

SS

Jim and I were friends since 1966. Jim was a great man that died long before his time as he had years yet to enjoy life. He worked 7days a week 10 hours a day. I only wished his family could have enjoyed him years before he passed. So sorry that his previous months was not so hard for him.

sally shroad - February 05 at 11:03 PM

SS

sorry or last sentence. It should have said so sorry his previous months was so hard on him.

sally shroad - February 05 at 11:04 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 30 at 01:03 PM



“ Craig & Joyce Shaver purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Michael Shaver.



Craig & Joyce Shaver - January 29 at 02:26 PM



“ Jim was a great friend , always enjoyed our talks. All around good guy and always willing to help. My condolences to yhe family. He will be missed.

Brian Elliston - January 29 at 07:43 AM



“ So sorry to hear... My family and friends had many fishing trips to Luna Pier where he and my late father shared a dock.. may they find a good fishing hole together again.. 😊

Jerry Maurer - January 29 at 07:14 AM

PS

“ Paul and Vicki Shaver purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Michael Shaver.



Paul and Vicki Shaver - January 28 at 12:31 PM

EQ

“ Eaton County Branch QDMA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Michael Shaver.



Eaton County Branch QDMA - January 28 at 09:03 AM

DP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Jim. Jim and Cindy were our next door neighbors on Windsor Hwy. Lots of great memories! Jim & I send our condolences and wish we could be there for the service.

Diane & Jim Paquet - January 27 at 02:13 PM

GG

“ Donna and Jimmy, we are sorry to hear about your loss. We had some good times with Jim and Cindy. Sorry we can't be there but we are down south. With sympathy, John and Gloria.

Gloria Gambill - January 26 at 09:43 PM