



James Richard Sleight

December 9, 1949 - February 9, 2016

James Richard Sleight, 66, of Portland, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2016 with his family by his side. He was born December 9, 1949, the son of Duane and Peggy Sleight. Jim graduated from Everett High School in 1968 and joined the United States Army shortly after in 1969. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam. Upon his return to Michigan, Jim began work at the United States Postal Service, from where he retired in 2004. During that time was a 17-year stint at Erb Lumber, where he worked as a salesman.

Jim married the love of his life, Patricia Smith on June 12, 1981 in Haslett. Together the two started a family in the Lansing area before settling in Portland. Jim loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. He also loved to ride his Harley and spend an afternoon on the golf course. He was the kind of man who would do anything for anyone and was often looked at as a great teacher of life's lessons. Of the many things in life he loved, though, family was always first and foremost.

Jim is survived by wife, Patti; son, James D. (Jenifer) Sleight; daughters, Kim (Scott) Adams, Kristina (James) Tokar, and Rikki Sleight; grandchildren, Lyndsea, Brenden, Savannah, Treyton, Aidon, Anthony, and Aubrey; great-grandson, Michael; and brothers, John, Robert and Thomas Sleight.

The family will hold a private celebration of Jim's life at a later date. 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 in Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. There are no words to comfort you during this difficult time. I will miss how Jim would taunt me on Facebook about clowns and spiders, then Patty would come to work and we would laugh about it. Never thought I would speak those two words (spiders and clowns) with a smile on my face but because of Jim, I will.

Michelle Finch - February 14, 2016 at 04:23 AM

 Rikki Sleight

“ I have so many memories of you dad, I don't even know where to start so I am not going to... Nothing can express the grief I feel now that you are gone... I was the baby and nothing short of a daddy's little girl... The one thing I will miss the most is knowing that you always had my back... You truly were my super hero and thank you so much for being a wonderful father... I love you so much!

Rikki Sleight - February 13, 2016 at 05:56 PM

PC

The dreams...the ones where you're not really awake, or asleep...I'll see you there.

pat campeau - February 16, 2016 at 09:38 AM

KH

“ Patti & family - so sorry to hear! We have lots of good memories of Jim from the good old softball days! Hugs and prayers for all of you!
Don & Kris Ham

Kris Ham - February 12, 2016 at 07:03 AM