



James H. Vogel II

September 10, 1947 - March 26, 2022

James H. Vogel II went home to be with the Lord Saturday afternoon, March 26, 2022, surrounded by his wife and family members. Born in Mt. Pleasant, MI, to James Henry Vogel and Alma Mae (Gross) Vogel, he grew up there where he attended school and graduated in 1965. He then joined the Army and served in Vietnam. Upon returning home, he began working at Oldsmobile and married Gladys Perez. They had five children.

In 1989, he took the GM buy-out and moved his family back to Mt. Pleasant where he purchased and operated Stan's restaurant. After the marriage ended, he moved back to the Lansing area. He married Diane (Wawiernia) Kirby Weaver. They lived in Charlotte for a time and then built a house outside Eaton Rapids. They enjoyed traveling and camping with the dogs, and just going for drives. They purchased guitars and each learned to play. Jim could fix anything, build anything, and was always there to help anyone who asked. His favorite thing was time spent with grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his widow, Diane; daughters, Christine (Parsons), Michelle, and Johanna; sons, Jim (Jennifer), Matt (Michelle); stepdaughters, Erin (Cameron) Bramer and Jess (Joe) Carey; and stepson, Ben (Kayla) Kirby; eleven grandchildren; his sister, Nan Topor, and brother, Jack; two nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Anna Demrell, as well

as her father, Steve Topor.

Jim's greatest passion was the Gospel and sharing the Good News with others. When asked about a funeral, he said, "Nope. Everybody should know what I stand for and what I would say. - Come to Jesus!" And he calls to us from the other side, "Come to Jesus!" Jim designated that his body be donated to science, so even after he has left this world, he continues to be of use and help to others. Those wishing to make a charitable contribution in Jim's honor may consider Voice of the Martyrs or Samaritan's Purse. Also gifts to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Lansing would be appropriate and appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ James came up to me (a complete stranger, on crutches from an injury) in a Sears in the early spring of 2009 to shout at me and my mother (a disabled woman) that he found my t-shirt offensive to the point where he was made to leave by the store security, and the display he put on in that store ensured I've never forgotten him after all these years. He truly was a shining example of Christ's boundless love and kindness, wasn't he? Bless his heart.

AnElephant NeverForgets - November 19, 2023 at 07:15 PM

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“ I'm want to send my sincere condolences to the entire family. While I did not know James as well as I would have liked, my daughter is married to his son Matt, and James was always kind and a pleasure to be around. Being a Christian myself, it was comforting to know that James had his own relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord, and today he is prepared for his Greatest Easter Celebration yet. May you all be blessed this Easter as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord!

Rocky Marsh - April 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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“ Jim Vogel has been a kind and incredibly generous Christian man as long as I have known him. When I returned home from missionary service in Mexico, he loaned me a car to use for months, and he categorically refused any compensation. I know he is receiving his reward now in heaven. I am so thankful he is released from his earthly pain, and I grieve his leaving us. My heartfelt sympathy is for his wife Diane and all his children. May remembrance of his joy in the Lord bring them comfort and peace.

Linda Oswald - April 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Diane, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.*

Michael - March 31, 2022 at 12:35 PM