



## Jeremy James Droscha

April 27, 1978 - March 5, 2022

Jeremy James Droscha, born April 27, 1978, went to be with his Lord and Savior, March 5, 2022, passing from the result of injuries sustained in a massive explosion and ensuing house fire. He was a devoted husband and father, and a true hero that rescued his four-year-old daughter from the burning house. His children are his pride, joy and legacy.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John and Betty Bergeon; and paternal grandparents, Robert and Phyllis Droscha. Survived by wife, Jessica (Pletz) Droscha; son, Mason Droscha; daughters, Hannah and Aubrey Droscha; mother and father, Denise (Bergeon) and James Droscha; sister, Katie Droscha; and brother-in-law, Andrew Rodgers; many aunts, uncles, cousins, special friends and neighbors.

Jeremy was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and was raised on the family dairy farm. Attending Charlotte Schools from kindergarten through high school, he graduated with the class of 1996. Jeremy was active in 4H, FFA, and automotive classes, receiving state level awards in drafting and automotive competitions through his high school years.

After receiving a mechanical scholarship from University of Northwestern Ohio, in Lima, Ohio, he completed an associate degree in automotive and diesel technology. Returning to Michigan Jeremy then attended Olivet College,

graduating in 2006 with a dual bachelor's degree in science and history. During his college years he worked at a large farm in Lima, Ohio. Other jobs included being a semi-truck driver for Ryder, five years as a production supervisor for General Motors in Lansing, and for the past seven years Jeremy was a full-time licensed realtor with Remax of Lansing. Jeremy's career passion was being a full-time farmer, growing hay, beans and corn, and working with his family.

Calvary Baptist Church was the family's second home. Driving the church van picking up anyone that needed a ride to the Savior was part of the Wednesday night family schedule. He also served as a church Deacon for three years. His special gift was maintaining the church and grounds. Jeremy loved the Lord and was an integral part of his church family.

Serving the community as an Eaton County Fair Board member was also important to him. Working as a team with his fair and farmer friends helping make a safe place for kids to develop life skills, have fun and grow through agriculture, the FFA, and 4H. His favorite part of the fair was the tractor pulling, he worked with the team as one of the tractor pull superintendents for the last twelve years. Jeremy also served 10 years at Eaton and Ingham County as a volunteer sheriff deputy.

The love of his life was his wife, Jessica. Jeremy and Jessica were married for 14 years, together raising three beautiful children Mason, Hannah, and Aubrey. The family worked hard together, and the family played hard together. Rarely, did you see Jeremy without one or all three kids in tow. He enjoyed farming, cutting wood, picking rocks, restoring their 150-year-old farmhouse, growing a huge family garden, and greenhouse. Often, the entire family, grandma and grandpa included, loved to make trips to farm and tractor shows.

Jeremy had an adventurer's spirit. He mapped unexplored caves in Kentucky,

climbed and repelled many mountain sides, and he owned and flew a hot air balloon for the past 12 years. The bonds of the ballooning community run deep. He and Jessica were successful in teaching their kids to race quads, with Hannah and Mason both winning first place trophies at the state level. He also loved pulling his kids on the tube behind his boat at the family lake house.

Jeremy's life philosophy was "Do not go where the path may lead . . . Go instead where there is no path and leave the trail behind."

Friends are encouraged to support Jeremy's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 AM at Charlotte Assembly of God with interment to follow at Center Eaton Cemetery. 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 Jeremy's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Calvary Baptist Church or Droscha Family Fund. To make a donation to the Droscha Family Fund through the Calvary Baptist Church follow this link: [https://paymenthero.io/embed/piqkdVxTQHyLd5QJAsdDGA/?fbclid=IwAR0wpYWmY-54QVfznQwjHwF0u7DkR90qYhatiXXvllc\\_Y\\_0rIM8DXBhMJ1c](https://paymenthero.io/embed/piqkdVxTQHyLd5QJAsdDGA/?fbclid=IwAR0wpYWmY-54QVfznQwjHwF0u7DkR90qYhatiXXvllc_Y_0rIM8DXBhMJ1c). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Eaton Cemetery

2093 Narrow Lake Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God  
1100 E. Clinton Trl.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Jeremy James Droscha*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09, 2022 at 09:52 AM

HA

*I miss hem to grandma love hannah*

hannah - October 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM

HA

*I'm so sorry!!!*

hannah - October 10, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeremy James Droscha*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2022 at 07:21 PM

MG

*What a lovely video. A life well lived-full of love, fun, and passion.*

Madora Garn Graffeo - March 08, 2022 at 03:41 AM

PM

*What a beautiful video*

**Pam Martin** - March 08, 2022 at 01:51 PM

BG

*Wonderful tribute!*

**Bob Grimes** - March 08, 2022 at 07:09 PM

JS

*An amazing life. It goes so quickly. Prayers for family! 🙏*

**Jeanne Sayer** - March 08, 2022 at 09:59 PM

KT

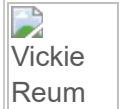
*Wonderful video he lived an amazing and happy life 🙏 R.I.H*

**Kelly Thornton** - March 08, 2022 at 11:16 PM

JO

*A beautiful video! Prayers to the family 🙏*

**JoWelch** - March 09, 2022 at 11:19 AM



Vickie Reum

*My deepest sympathy on the loss of Jeremy. I have very fond memories of the Droscha family while growing up with Jim, Brian, Keith and Dana. -Vickie Reum Hintz*

**Vickie Reum** - March 09, 2022 at 12:12 PM

AN

*We're looking forward to the day when we can see you again, Jeremy.*

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**Anna** - March 09, 2022 at 12:13 PM

KL

*Beautiful video and tribute to his wonderful life. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Droscha family and friends - The Leatherman's*

**Kris Leatherman** - March 09, 2022 at 01:09 PM

RK

*beautiful video*

**Robert and Joy Kerr** - March 09, 2022 at 10:33 PM

TJ

*I always likes seeing him come over with Mason to David's when I worked there. He was always so nice and Mason is so cute with all those curls. He was I could tell a special person that will be missed deeply.*

**Terri janson** - March 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Christian lit a candle in memory of Jeremy James Droscha*



**Brenda Christian** - March 10, 2022 at 03:14 PM

DH

“ *Sorry for the loss of Jeremy. I met him through the tractor pull at the Eaton County Fair. He was a great person and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.*  
*Darren and Alicia Heartwell*

**Darren Heartwell** - March 09, 2022 at 03:01 PM

CB

“ *Cathy (Binkowski) Bennett lit a candle in memory of Jeremy James Droscha*



**Cathy (Binkowski) Bennett** - March 09, 2022 at 11:47 AM

LW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**L Wilson** - March 09, 2022 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ So sorry the world lost an amazing person. So sorry the Droscha clan lost such an amazing man. It was nice growing up around the corner on Hartel Rd. When my 6 sisters got on my nerves Jimmy, Brian and Keith made good stand in brothers. Jeremy is sure to be watching over all as he looks down from above with a heart full of love. No need for hot air as he has wings now and a prayer full of care.  
Donnie Reum

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**Don Reum** - March 08, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.



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March 08, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



March 07, 2022 at 11:55 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



March 07, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



March 07, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Many prayers from the Red Power community and much sadness over the loss of Jeremy. He and his father are greatly respected for their kind and gracious interaction with others.*

*Doug Rusk (iowaboy1965)*

**Doug Rusk** - March 07, 2022 at 07:57 PM

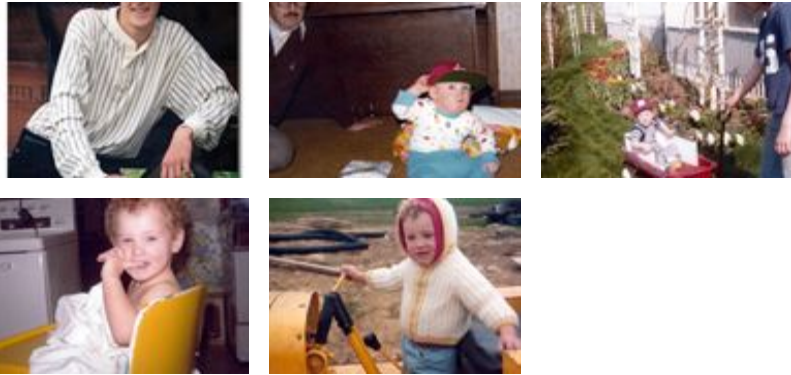


“ Jim and Denise...my heart is breaking for you. Sending love and prayers to you and your family.

Laura Cooper - March 07, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.



March 07, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.



March 07, 2022 at 01:34 PM

SS

“ Prayers for Jessica and the kids and the rest of Jeremy’s family. Jeremy was a great guy. He will be missed greatly.



Sarah & Josh Schnitzler - March 07, 2022 at 12:39 PM

SD

Jim and Denise, stu and I are so sad to hear the news about Jeremy. My heart goes out to you, and Jeremy's wife and children. Stu and Paula Dillin, Austin, tx

Stu and Paula Dillin - March 07, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.



March 07, 2022 at 12:16 PM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Jeremy James Droscha



Chad & Carol Walker - March 07, 2022 at 09:07 AM

PM

“ I didn't know Jeremy personally, but I did grow up with the Droscha Boys, Jim, Brian and Keith. Our families were good friends, rode the school bus and went to school with them.

Jim and Denise gave birth to Jeremy 2 weeks before I gave birth to my son. My heart breaks for them and Jeremys family - his wife Jessica and their children. Would like to share this scripture from Zephaniah 3:17 **THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU; THE MIGHTY ONE WILL SAVE YOU. HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU. YOU WILL REST IN HIS LOVE; HE WILL SING AND BE JOYFUL ABOUT YOU.**



*Our thoughts and prayers are with this beautiful family - God Bless your family and wrap his loving arms around each one you.*

*Pam (Reum) Martin and Tony Martin*

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**Pam Martin** - March 07, 2022 at 08:24 AM

WB

“ With Love, The Eaton Township Board purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.



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**With Love, The Eaton Township Board** - March 06, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



March 06, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Jess, Jerry, Kendra, Lexi, Rachael, Matt purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



**Jess, Jerry, Kendra, Lexi, Rachael, Matt** - March 06, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



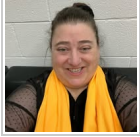
March 06, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



March 06, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Jeremy Balllooning*



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**Lisa Watson** - March 06, 2022 at 08:57 AM

HD

*I love you dad from Hannah*

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**hannah droscha** - December 03, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremy James Droscha.*



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March 06, 2022 at 07:04 AM