



James Reginald Harris

June 13, 1941 - January 4, 2017

Leelanau County – James (Jim) Reginald Harris, 75, of Leelanau County passed away peacefully on January 4, 2017 at his home in Cedar, MI surrounded by loved ones.

Jim was born on June 13, 1941 in Cottage Hospital, Grosse Point. He was the third child of David George, and Margaret Fernie (Baird) Harris. He had one brother and one sister, David Lloyd Harris and Janet Mary Harris.

He married Mary Anna Sumners in St. Jude Church, Detroit in 1963. He had four children with Mary: Teresa Ann Harris, James Reginald Harris Jr., Nicole Janet Harris, and Guy David Harris.

His wife, children, and grandchildren were very special to him. He is survived by his wife Mary, children Teresa Woods, James Harris Jr, Nicole Hulet, son-in-law's Jack Woods, Jason Hulet and Matt Drew, daughter-in-law's Sandra (Harris) Linden and Lisa (Harris) Drew , grandchildren, Guy Patrick & Charles (Chip) Woods, Caitlin (Woods) Tracy, Manon Harris, Ashley & Emily Hulet, Cassie Harris and Courtney & Clare Drew. And also survived by nieces Suzanne & Sandee and several more family and also friends that were his family too.

Jim went into the United States Army after high school and served as a member of the Military Police. Then went on to graduate from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in hospitality. He moved to Northern Michigan with his family to manage Crystal Mountain Resort and then Sugar Loaf Resort. He took his education further to obtain his Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation and also taught Real Estate in several states.

Those who know Jim (aka: Pooka, Reggie, Rubberfooter) say he had an infectious laugh, big hugs, warm baritone voice, sweet golf swing, smooth dance moves and an eagle eye. He embraced life and people in everything he did and loved living. He will be deeply missed. We can be happy knowing his loving son, Guy David, greeted him with open arms

and a big smile.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017 from 5 – 8pm with a 7:00p.m. Rosary, at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring James will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at St. Mary 's Catholic Church of Lake Leelanau with a gathering beginning at 10:00am and luncheon after at noon.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Prospectors Club for college scholarship fund in Jim's name. Checks to: Prospectors Club, 5600 West Macfarlane Rd., Glen Arbor, MI 49636. Memo James R. Harris Scholarship.

Please share your thoughts and memories with Jim's family by way of his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Events

Cleveland Twp.

Maple City, MI,

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JAN **Rosary** 07:00PM

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JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Mary's Lake Leelanau
Lake Leelanau, MI, US

JAN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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St. Mary's Lake Leelanau
Lake Leelanau, MI, US

Comments



“ I first met Jim in the clubhouse at Sugarloaf. He was playing with his two boys and I joined them to make a foresome. From the clubhouse to the first tee he recognized my last name and quickly determined we were related. He shot 77 that day! He invited me back later that summer, stayed at his home over a 4th of July weekend, took me to his country club where we played two members for money. He shot 96 and cost us \$20 each!! Asked how this could happen after playing so well at Sugarloaf, all he could say is that he took some lessons!!! I couldn't stop laughing... He will always be remembered.

David Ladensack - September 04, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Our most sincere condolences to Mary Ann and all the Harris family on your loss of Jim. We have so many memories of that dear man from years ago, during our early days in Leelanau Co. Reading the tributes by so many people in this Memory Book is like walking down memory lane! Jim seemed the essence of joy, the pure joy of being a part of this wonderful world. He married a lovely lady (inside and out), had accomplished and caring children, and gave his gifts to all of us in the form of song (often with buddy John), acting in the Leelanau Players, and in the business world of Sugar Loaf and real estate. We missed our connection with Jim and Mary over time, as life has a way of pulling us in different directions. But any time we did see Jim, the warmth was always there along with a hug. The world is a better place for having Jim a part of it.

May Jim now rest in peace, reunited with Guy and many loved ones, in the loving embrace of our Lord.

So sorry that we were unable to attend any of the services for Jim.
Sending love, hugs and prayers,
Judy and Glenn LaCross

Judy LaCross - January 17, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ To Mary and the Children:
We were surprised to learn that Jim was gone, and so Annie, Andrew and I send our prayers to you all as you deal with the loss of your husband and Dad. We always enjoyed Jim's lightheartness, his upbeat personality and positive attitude. We remember the good times of life at Sugar Loaf when we lived in Leelanau. May the Lord give you strength and work His love through people who care for you. My best to you all, Charlene Lutes.

Charlene A. Lutes - January 14, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ jim I think touched most of us that he was around. He was so full of joy all the time! I just think his family is so fortunate to have had him in their lives. I don't know if you could draw up a better family man then he was. It seems like yesterday we were at camp having sing alongs. Of course let us not forget the rubber footer water boy fiascos. It is very hard for me to put into words how I feel. But I want the family to know some of my fondest memories were spent at camp with him and I always looked up to him! I just wish i could have had more time to spend with him. I think we can all take something from jim. I'll miss you rubber footer and will never forget the times we had! -Jeff Rhodes

Jeffrey Rhodes - January 13, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ When I met Teresa in October or 1999, I knew that I had found the woman of my dreams but, had no idea what kind of family she had. That next spring Teresa and I drove to Myrtle Beach for a conference and to meet her parents. I wanted to impress them so much that I even bought a new car to show them that I was successful. Jim agreed to join me for a round of golf (at the time I was still pretty good). I had no idea what to expect since I heard so many golf stories. I was serious about my game and can honestly say that I never drank while playing...this was about to change! Two bloody marys later we finally hit our first shot. Jim proceeded to give me a short history of the family as the round progressed. Not wanting to stand out I joined him (really no choice) in having a beer..then another..then another...you get the point. I don't think we even kept score on the last two or three holes but, we were laughing our fool heads off. From there it was on to another first for me...SUSHI!! I swore that I would never eat raw fish..disgusting...but again he was not going to take no for an answer. I knew right then and there that my life was about to change, I just had no idea how wonderful, amazing, beautiful and loving this man and his family was going to make my life. Dad, Thank you from my heart for giving the greatest gift...FAMILY. I will always strive to carry on your legacy of the love and joy you brought to so many people. Your loving son, Jack

Jack Woods - January 12, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ Jim was a loyal supporter of the Sugar Loaf Golf Course for many, many, years. I will miss his always smiling face, his upbeat personality, and the call for " I will have one of those polish dogs", as he and his golfing buddies made the turn. We often take those that we build relationships with for granted, like they will always be there, unfortunately that is not that case. The staff and I will greatly miss you Jim, may your family find comfort knowing how many lives you have touched.

Thoughts and prayers go out to the Harris family.

Kris Wakeman, General Manager Sugar Loaf The Old Course

Kris Wakeman - January 12, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Jim I remember when I was a little girl you were always the life of the party and I know you always be partying up there also Aunt Mary and family I'm always here for you guys just a phone call away love always Tammy sumners Francis and family

Sandy Sumners - January 11, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ Hugs and prayers to my aunt and cousins!
I have so many memories spent with my Up North family! My most thankful memory of my uncle is that he hosted me in St Augustine for one of my high school spring breaks! He was always so joyful, upbeat, and so easy to love! So many are mourning the loss of this GREAT man.
Love always, Erin

erin - January 09, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ 10 of the best years of my life were working along side of Jim, His knowledge, work ethic and personality were unsurpassed. I can't remember one conversation that didn't begin with, contain and end with a smile. The one outstanding characteristic I learned to appreciate was the incredible LOVE he had for his family. I know he will be missed. What a Pal. jww

John Welsh - January 09, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ Dear Jim,
About 27 years ago, I was a very lucky person when I met you in Saint Augustine, Florida, when I needed real estate advice. Since then, I have learned so much from you.
Your kind encouragement, your business knowledge, and your loving, caring nature have made my life so meaningful. You have always been the backbone of my businesses. Your support has helped me to stay strong. Your presence has been always inspired and delighted our family. You and Mary have been a kind, shining light for us.
Both of you have made us feel like a part of your family, and you have done so much for us. We have been blessed and will remember all the good times we have had together – the dinner gatherings, the trip to China, and all of your visits in St. Augustine.

Our family will really miss your funny jokes, your cheerful smile, your joyful singing, and your sincere friendship. Our hearts will always be joined to Mary and your family.
With love,
Lee, Jerry, Andrew, Elton and Annie



Hanjing Lee Shu - January 09, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ It really hurts when one of your compadres goes down. Jim and I shared a deep love of rock and roll and shared a stage on numerous occasions with neither vying to steal the spotlight but feeding off each others' genuine urge to please and to entertain. And Jim was nothing if not an entertainer. He became his Reggie persona and joy flowed out of him every time he was near a microphone. Blessings and peace to all Jim's family and friends and at the appointed time I will ask to join the most recent gathering of "The Curb Feelers" ..Hell, I'll even sing backup.
Truly,
Ray J. Collins



Ray J. Collins - January 09, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ I have fond memories of Jim as a Sugar Loaf property owner and member of the Sugar Loaf Townhouses LLC. I offer my heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Jim's family at this very painful time. Jim had an infectious personality and was well-liked by all who knew him. I will miss his comments and contributions to the Townhouses general meeting discussions. A wonderful person has passed on. May he rest in peace.

Tony Mattar, Co-Manager, Sugar Loaf Townhouses LLC

Tony Mattar - January 09, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ I will never forget the kind hearted loving man Jim was. He always was the one to cheer me up, make the day go by with fun times to remember and appreciated the work that was done around the "Loaf". Although I haven't seen him for years I can still hear his great voice and laughter. My prayers and love to all the family. Kay (Pritchard) Hall.

Kay (Pritchard) Hall - January 09, 2017 at 05:33 AM



“ Great memories of good times with your family. Even my kids who are grown now shared what great memories they had of growing up and enjoying times shared, especially all the fun parties at the boat house. Lee will be happy to see his old chess and golf buddy again.
Carole Jones

Carole Jones - January 08, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a special man, and what a tremendous legacy he leaves. His family.... you are all exceptional people...

Love,
Jim, Terrie and family



Terrie Gero Smead - January 08, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ Where do I begin, where do I end. Uncle Jim was one of my favorite uncles. I loved when I was younger and would come stay at there house. Me and guy were like brothers. Way too many great memories to list. Loved every moment spent with my uncle Jim. RIP uncle Jim. U you may be gone to a better place, but will never be forgotten. Love u and the entire family. ♡♡♡, love scott & michelle



Scott. sumners - January 08, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ Jim was a very bright, talented, entertains and charming man. He always made me smile. My deepest sympathy to you, Mary Ann, and family..
Pam Novak

Pam Novak - January 08, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ What a beautiful person. Jim I always enjoyed when you would come into the store and reminisce about the past golf stories and about all the original (ED'S).But what I'll remember most is the night we were at Dicks Pour House and the music of Reginald Harris and the Curb Feelers what a fun night. Jim i'll miss you my friend . GOD BLESS. Craig Golden

craig golden - January 08, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ I remember Jim in the Leelanau Players. He was a fine comedic actor. He and John Rutherford delighted many of us with their hilarious rendition of 'Who's On First'. He will be greatly missed. Fondly, Sarah Kelsch

Sarah Kelsch - January 08, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of all the family! Jim was a great guy. Art and Nancy



nancy petke - January 08, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Jim,
You and you're family adopted me when I was new to this country. I could arrive in Michigan and fall asleep on your couch and feel right at home. I'll miss your unique laugh and your visit to St Augustine. (Although I did see a look alike driving over the Bridge of Lions the other day.) I'd like to think you're not really gone and driving around town. However I know that you're somewhere else now. I hope you have a great reunion with Guy and your brother. I can imagine the songs you must be singing and the catching up you must be reliving. RIP Jim, you'll be missed.
Jackie H

Jackie H - January 07, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ Dear brother-in-law, may you R.I.P.Jim. I will always remember your charm and humor. Always the life of the party. My sincere condolences to Mary, Teresa, Nicole, & James Jr. & families. God Bless all of you and give you continued strength too accept, as hard as it is. Love, Sandy Sumners I am so very sorry!!!!



Sandy Sumners - January 07, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ We are so very sad and sorry to learn of Jim's death. He was a life force, and it was so easy to be swept up in that energy. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Well done, good and faithful servant, Jim. Well done. Steve Kunst and Cheryl Stuart

Cheryl - January 07, 2017 at 06:59 PM



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Jason Hulet - January 07, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ That was an absolutely beautiful tribute to a wonderful man....thank you for sharing. My heart is breaking right now for all of you. Love and Hugs to you. Maureen T.

Maureen Templeton - January 11, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ May you rest in peace Uncle Jim, love and God bless to the whole family. Scott sumners



Scott sumners - January 07, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ I will miss you, dear friend. Linda and I will always the times we had in Mexico with you and Mary. You are my brother and I love you very very much.

EC King - January 06, 2017 at 08:34 AM