



## James "Jim" Frye

August 10, 1931 - April 16, 2017

James "Jim" Richard Frye

Torch Lake Township – Jim Frye, 85 of Torch Lake passed away at his home on April 16, 2017 with his family by his side.

Jim was born on August 10, 1931 in Detroit to the late Warren and Nellie (Lewis) Frye. At the age of thirteen, he and his family moved to Eastport. His family owned and operated Frye's General Store. He graduated from Central Lake High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country honorably for four years. While on R&R in Miami, at a USO dance, Jim spotted the love of his life; Inez Helen Muter. It was love at first sight. The two married shortly after in Key West on May 1, 1954. Together they had three wonderful sons. After Jim was discharged from the Navy, they moved to St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Jim worked at Chrysler Financial Corporation for 38 years. While working, Jim went to night school, and in 1981 earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration at Central Michigan University. He worked hard to provide for his family and succeeded in every way. In the late 1980's Jim and Inez bought a home on Torch Lake, and upon retirement decided to move 'up north'. It is here that he enjoyed boating, golfing, and card games with his buddies. Jim was the living example of a 'good neighbor'. Jim was always ready to lend a hand and brighten someone's day. He was famous for his Petoskey stone necklaces and whenever Inez wears hers it is always admired by onlookers for its unique beauty. As a result he would be found hard at work creating one for another lucky lady. He also loved to take care of his property and make friends at A-Ga-Ming Golf Course, where he worked as a starter and ranger. For the last 16 years Jim and Inez have enjoyed wintering in their Naples, Florida home. Jim will be greatly missed by his family, friends and fellow members at the Elk Rapids Am Vets and the Elk Rapids Calvary Lutheran Church.

Jim was preceded in death by his sister Virginia King.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Inez; sons James "Jim" (Sue) Frye Jr. of Traverse City, John (Lawrence Nallan) Frye of San Francisco, and Jeffrey (Dena) Frye of

Rochester; grandchildren Stephanie, Alexa, Jake and Destiny; brother Robert Frye; brother-in-law John King; niece Brenda Moore and nephews Dick (Sue) King, Jim (Cheryl) King and Bobby Frye.

Jim's life will be celebrated at the Torch Lake Café in Eastport on April 26, 2017 at 11:00 am. The service will be led by Rev. David Mellor and military honors will be provided.

Memorial contributions in memory of Jim may be directed to the Elk Rapids AmVets Post 114 or to a charity of one's choice.

Please visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your memories and condolences with the family. The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and cremation services.

# Events

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**APR**   **Celebration of Life**                      11:00AM  
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Torch Lake Cafe  
4990 U.S. 31, Central Lake, MI, US, 49622

# Comments

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“ Inez,  
So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Had heard that you sold your condo in Cedar Hammock--we will miss you both. Lee passed four years ago in April. Believe me, it will get better. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Rosalie Ridenour--Hagerstown, Maryland

Rosalie Ridenour - May 01, 2017 at 07:23 AM

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“ Inez, Jim, John and Jeff,  
  
I am so saddened by the news of Jims passing Kelly and I just found out this am ,the day of his memorial. We certainly would have been there. Jim lite up a room with his beautiful eyes , smile and of course his humor. I have such fond memories of him teasing mom(Maxine) Wendy and in line myself and Kelly. When my father Barney died Jim was right there to help my mother. We all loved Jim ...I am thankful Kelly and I saw him at Mitzie's funeral. There he was with those sparkling eyes and impish smirk .We will miss dear friend xoxo

Heather Yanchus

Heather Yanchus - April 26, 2017 at 09:18 AM

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“ Over the 38 years of Jim's Corporate career he left his mark on the buildings and offices he built, the organizations he managed and interfaced with and especially all the people Jim came in contact with. Jim was a great manager and he mentored numerous individuals who went on to accomplish great things at both Chrysler Financial and Chrysler. He always had your back especially when times got tough. Jim took pride in everything he accomplished both in his career and personal life. You could see it in his smile especially when he talked about his wife and kids. He was a great friend whom will truly be missed. Rest in Peace my friend and may God Bless you !



Ken Leach - April 24, 2017 at 04:44 PM

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“ Mrs. Frye and family....."Mr. Frye" was one of my first bosses as I began my career as a secretary at Chrysler in the late 1960s. Many years and many bosses later, I look back at him as being one of the good guys, a fair and kind-but-firm boss. My thoughts and prayers are with you; I'm so sorry for your loss.



**Nancy (Tessmer) Vanthomme** - April 18, 2017 at 08:01 PM

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“ It is with heavy heart to read of Jims passing. My prayers go out to Inez and sons who I have known since I was a little girl. They lived across the street from me in St. Clair Shores. I used to babysit for Jimmy when I was 12 years old. Big Jim would drive me to school in the morning on his way to work at Chrysler. Then many years later we met up again in 1981 when I began to work at Chrysler Financial. He will be surely be missed.

Charlene Puskar Lombardo

**Charlene Puskar Lombardo** - April 18, 2017 at 07:14 PM

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“ I loved the couple of summers I got to mow the 3 hole golf course at Bald Eagle point. Aunt Inez and Uncle Jim always made me lunch and took care of me. Some really fun summers for me thanks to them!!  
So sad he's gone.  
Love you  
Jill

**Jill Gold** - April 18, 2017 at 03:46 PM