



James Thomas Wright

January 29, 1949 - October 1, 2020

James Thomas Wright, 71, of Williamsburg, Michigan formerly of Cynthiana, Kentucky passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family and friends. Jim was born on January 29, 1949 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Edwin and Winifred (Porter) Wright. He married the love of his life Diana Scripter on August 23, 1969 in Horton, Michigan. Jim earned both his Bachelors of Business Administration. He had been employed in Human Resources for over 42 years, first with Kelsey Hayes Wheel Company and for the last 16 years with Hinkle Contracting Company. He was a member of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Paris. After his retirement in 2013 Jim and Diana moved to Traverse City. He attended Williamsburg United Methodist Church. In his spare time Jim enjoyed playing golf and spending countless hours woodworking. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always smiling and whistling. Above all, spending time with his family was his greatest joy.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Diana, his daughter, Erin Ascione, his son, Justin (Rhonda) Wright, a granddaughter; Madelyn Ascione, three step-grandsons; Reed Harrell, Ryan (Ashley) Harrell and Robb Harrell also step-great-grandchildren; Caeden, Brayden, Camaron and Beau Harrell. Also surviving are two sisters; Edna (Roger) Strait and Susan (Jack) Sturgill as well as many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Holliday.

A memorial service honoring James will take place at 1:00 p.m., with visitation one-hour prior at 12:00, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 5750 Williamsburg Rd., Williamsburg, Michigan, 49690. Rev. John Messner will officiate.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 5750 Williamsburg Rd, Williamsburg, Michigan, 49690 or Munson Hospice 1150 Medical Campus Dr., Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Jim's family at his tribute page

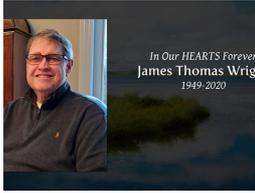
at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

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

Comments



“ Video Tribute



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 06, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Diana and family,
We are thinking of all of you in the loss of Jim. He was a kind person who modeled his Christian faith in his interactions with people. Anchor to your good memories in the days ahead. God Bless.
Bill and Janice Doan
Wilmington, NC

Bill and Janice Doan - October 11, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Our prayers and love ho out to the entire family we are saddened to hear this news.

Howard and Sally Griffis - October 06, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of the Wright family. Although I haven't seen Jim since high school days I still remember him as a kind and fun loving person at our Methodist Youth Group at Hillside United Methodist. He will be fondly remembered by everyone that knew him. Rest in Peace Jim.

Carol (Hartmann) Gilbert - October 05, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Diana, I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You and Jim both hold loving and fond memories in my heart. So many wonderful times at First UMC here in Cynthiana. My love and prayers are with you and the kids. Jim was just the best...fun and happy. A smile comes to mind automatically when I think of him. Love you Diana.

Kathy Livingood - October 05, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Diana and family,
Sincere condolences. Beautiful picture of Jim, he was never without a smile or hearty laugh. I was the first person Jim hired at Central Manufacturing Company way back in 1987. We had many great times together at work and through our Rotary Club membership. That Central Manufacturing Company, now called CMWA and employing over 600 people, is a tribute to the hard work Jim did in recruiting and hiring great people to start up a new Company. Jim was well respected and loved by his CMC and Cynthiana family. Praying for God's comfort and support in these difficult times. RIP my dear friend Jim.

Sincerely,

Joe Fast

Joe Fast - October 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Dianna, Erin and the rest of Jim's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that Jim was a wonderful husband and father. May the beautiful, fun memories that you have of him help you through this horrible time.
Don and Mary White

Mary White - October 05, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Diane and family, I am so terribly sorry for your loss, Jim was such a upbeat guy always cheerful and friendly!!! I loved hearing him whistle out in the yard. You can tell he loved the outdoors and people. He looked like a fantastic grandfather!!! Your neighbors Rick and Shawna Hansen

Shawna Hansen - October 05, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Diana I offer my heart felt condolences to you and the family. Please know I have you all in my prayers during this difficult time. Love you all

Faye Gross - October 05, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Diana I have the most wonderful memories of you and your family living on Indian Creek Drive. I'll always remember what great family man Jim was, it was obvious he loved you all dearly.

Susan Isaac - October 05, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ So very, very sorry to hear of your loss. He was always smiling and teasing. It was obvious how much he loved and enjoyed his family. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Donna & Dennis Ferguson

Donna Ferguson - October 05, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. When Jim comes to mind it is his smile always. Prayers for all. Judy Judy

Judy Judy - October 05, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending deepest sympathy and prayers.



Denise Marshall - October 05, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ I will miss seeing Jim every week at church. I will miss the teasing he always gave me. He was a super nice gentleman who always had a smile. He was always willing to help out if needed or hang out to visit and whistle :). I know he is resting in peace now with God.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Dianna and the family.

Sherry B.

Sherry Boucher - October 05, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ What can one say when they lose a friend that has been a friend for over 60 years. A person you grew up with, teased, played ball at recess with, would stand up for and fight to the end for. A friend that you could count on to always lift you up with with a smile, a word of encouragement, or a quick squeeze on the shoulder. A fellow that even after we got older, had families of our own, was still a part of our lives. Just a thought of Jimmer put a smile on your face. He was a true family man. Never talked or texted with him that he didn't have something special to say about the love of his life. Just last week when I told him to give Diana a big hug for me, he said, "Oh don't worry, I took care of that first thing today, only it wasn't from you, it was from and for me". Then he added a smart alex emoji. Got to love that guy and his sense of humor. His kids, and his precious Madde were the highlight and testimony to the loving family that Jim and Diana created. Jim will be greatly missed by all who had been blessed to have known him. He left behind a wonderful legacy that only a wonderful man could build. My heart goes out to Diana, Erin, Justin, Madde, and all of Jim's family and friends. A great loss for all.

Ruth Fouty - October 05, 2020 at 10:20 AM