



## James Edward Stressman

April 26, 1955 - February 4, 2020

James Edward Stressman, age 64, passed away in Spencer, Indiana, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, and now resides with his Lord and Savior. James, aka Jim, was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Jim was preceded in death by his father, Charles Stressman and his grandparents. Left with loving memories are his mother, Kathryn Stressman, sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Scott Haraburda, brother, Gregory Stressman, nieces Ashlee (Bryan) Kelley of Indiana, Krystal (Peter) Ryczek of Colorado, Aunt Patricia Meadema of Florida and several cousins.

Jim's childhood was spent enjoying the outdoors boating, fishing and snowmobiling in South Boardman and Kalkaska, Michigan, where his paternal grandparents had a cabin. Brilliant and creative as a child, Jim built a smart computer out of wood and lights when he was 14 that really worked. He had a movie camera in his teens and filmed many adventures starring his siblings and several neighborhood friends. Jim also wrote rock songs when he was a teenager. Jim had an inviting smile and great sense of humor.

Jim enjoyed music from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, especially The Beach Boys and the Beatles. He loved vintage cars and was proud of the two Mustang cars he once owned.

Jim was a 1973 Creston High School graduate. He went into the Air Force but developed cellulitis in his feet from marching in boots that were issued too small for his feet. He received an honorable medical discharge. After the Air Force, Jim graduated from Davenport University with a business degree in marketing. He had a good head for numbers and worked for Old Kent Bank. He volunteered for the March of Dimes for several years and received an award for doing so.

Jim's last years were happily spent in the beautiful rolling hills, fresh air, and countryside of southern Indiana with his mom and siblings.

Jim epitomized honesty and grace. He never said an unkind word about anyone. If "A heart is not judged by how much you love but by how much you are loved by others" (a

quote by Frank Morgan in “The Wizard of Oz” movie), then Jim lived a successful life.

Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, in Grand Rapids, Michigan . Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Comments

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“ Precious Family,  
I am so sorry to find that Jim has passed, but happy that he is in God's Loving Care!  
May God comfort you all, at this time with wonderful, long-lasting memories. May the  
painful sting of his passing, fade quickly.  
With Love,  
Your Cousin ~ Joan Beeman (Jolee too)

**Joan Beeman** - February 10, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ Thanks so much, cousin.

**Marie Haraburda** - February 12, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ Jim and Marie Christmas 1958



**Marie Haraburda** - February 06, 2020 at 07:42 PM

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“ On behalf of REA, I extend our sincere condolences, Marie, to you and your family. Your brother sounds like a very special man and I know that this is a great loss for all. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Lorraine and the REA Team



**Lorraine Bello** - February 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Thanks so much for the kind words.

**Marie Haraburda** - February 07, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ My favorite photo of my brother Jim and me. He always put the needs and happiness of others over his own.



**Marie Haraburda** - February 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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“ Aunt Patty.... purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of James Edward Stressman.



**Aunt Patty....** - February 06, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ Jim’s happy Childhood memories with dad, mom, sister Marie and brother Greg. It’s a Wonderful Life.



Marie Haraburda - February 06, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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Marie (Stressman) Haraburda - February 06, 2020 at 10:39 AM