



James Derrick

April 23, 1931 - May 15, 2024

James Edward Derrick, age 93 of Holland, OH, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on May 15, 2024.

He was born to Rev. Robert and Ruth (Huehnel) Derrick on April 23, 1931 in Chesterhill, OH. He was a graduate of North Baltimore High School. Jim served his country proudly in the U.S. Coast Guard mainly in Alaska before it officially became a State. He spent his career working for AT&T until the time of his retirement. He was a member of the Masons Damascus Lodge, Ft. Meigs Chapter and was also a longtime member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and Zion United Methodist Church. He married Kathryn Witker on October 25, 2015 and God blessed them with 8 wonderful years together. Jim was a man of great faith and loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Dorothy Joan (Urban) Derrick; parents, brothers, Robert A. (Ruth Ann) and Paul W. Derrick and sister, Esther Derrick. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn M. Witker; sister's-in-law, Alice Derrick, Shirley (William) Bartkavage, Jean (Robert) Baker, Martha Strayer, Nancy Krasula; brother-in-law, James Krasula, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Holland Free Methodist Church, 6805 Angola Rd.,

Holland, OH 43528 on Sunday, May 26th from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 5:00 p.m. Interment will be private at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Bibles for the World in care of Calvary Bible Chapel, Holland Free Methodist Church Missions or to Shiloh Church Missions. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com hH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Holland Free Methodist Church
6605 Angola Road
Holland, OH 43528

Funeral Ceremony

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James Derrick.* ”



May 20, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Derrick.* ”



May 20, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Jim, you will be greatly missed. We have a lot of family memories to look back on. Lots of fun times with family get togethers. May you rest in peace. God Bless.* ”
Shirley & Bill



Shirley Bartkavage - May 17, 2024 at 03:28 PM



So many good memories at your house in Waterville, Aunt Mary and Uncle Clifford's cottage on Lake Erie, the home on Lake LeeAnn and the Home on Lake Columbia. You always enjoyed boat rides no matter what lake! You will always be in my thoughts as I eat a piece of pie—your favorite dessert!

Kathy Blessing MacDonald - May 17, 2024 at 06:26 PM

MH

Thank you for the beautiful memories you shared with us at your home at Stone Oak, the kids loved riding in the paddle boat on the lake. The many cook outs we had at our home, shared by many laughs. Just know you will be greatly missed.

We love you.

Michelle Hunsinger - May 17, 2024 at 07:57 PM

RO

Thankful to have had the privilege of serving as your Pastor at Zion UMC in Toledo, OH and for the wonderful friendship that developed and remained over the years until God called you to your eternal home. I know that the good Lord will comfort your dear wife Kathryn and the wonderful family you left behind. Grace and peace!

Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo - May 18, 2024 at 06:04 PM

TG

Jim was a good friend, willing to help me with such things as installing my washing machine, and assembling furniture. He was also a wonderful supporter of Friends of Russian Orphans. Jim lived out his Christian faith in ways like this. We will miss him!

Teresa Lynne Grigsby - May 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

 Jennifer Hart

Well I have to say due to some of my own health issues my memory is not the greatest yet my father talked on the phone today about Uncle Jim and he is a person along with of course many others in family including his previous wife Aunt Joan whom I'll never forget in my younger years going to visit! My deepest condolences go out to the entire family! Yet continually so many have touched hearts!

Jennifer Hart - May 20, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SG

Jim, you sure are going to be missed! I have only known you for about eleven years but I have so many memories. We hit it off right away, then I was proud to be your wedding coordinator and your dinner companion on so many occasions. The long weekend drives, looking for lake homes was some of my best time spent with you and Kathy. I know you will be watching over all of us and waiting till we see each other again. Be proud, you have touched so many lives and hearts in this world.

Sherry Garrison - May 25, 2024 at 11:34 AM