



James "Drift" Carlson

April 16, 1957 - March 10, 2012

James "Drift" Steven Carlson, 54, of Foster City, MI., passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Jim was born April 16, 1957 in Norway, Michigan, son of Howard and Alice (Stenfors) Carlson. Jim attended North Dickinson School and graduated in 1975. Upon graduation he worked in the woods alongside his father and brother, Rodney for their family business, Carlson Logging. He also was employed with the Groveland Mine and Louisiana Pacific before going to work at Verso Paper Mill. Jim married Erin Wickman on January 31, 1998 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Felch, Michigan. They raised their family in Foster City where he was a member of the Mission Covenant Church. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, and farming. He was very involved with 4-H and he loved being with his children.

Jim is survived by his wife, Erin and their children, Duran, Mallory, Aleesha, Peyton, Liberty, and Colton, all of Foster City; his father, Howard Carlson of Foster City; his brothers, Rodney (Debra) Carlson, Sr., of Foster City, Gary (Anna) Carlson of Coarsegold, CA, and Jeff (Lisa) Carlson of Norway, Michigan; his sisters, Fay (Gary) Johnson and Gail (Brad) Gustafson of Felch, MI; a sister-in-law Rita Carlson of Iron Mountain; his brothers-in-law Eric (Renee) Wickman and Roger (Tommie) Wickman of Felch; special friends, John and Cheryl Cootware, and David "Sonny" Graszak. Jim is also survived

by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Carlson and brother DeWayne "Dewey" Carlson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 11:00am -1:00pm at the Mission Covenant Church in Foster City. Funeral services will follow at 1:00pm. Pastor Carl Hammer will officiate. Burial will take place in the Foster City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of James S. Carlson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Memorial Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are by the loss of your loved one. May God lift you up and give you the strength and grace to get through these difficult times, today and always. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

"Yea though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

Jeff & Susan Steinbrecher & family - Felch, MI - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ When I first met the Carlson side of the family I was 24 years old and very uncertain. Drift was one of the first to welcome me into the family. He was always so kind to me and I will always appreciate him. I haven't seen him in a few years now but did have the opportunity to chat with him online on several occasions.

Drift, I will miss you. I'll keep praying that you found the peace you were looking for. Keep a watchful eye on your family as they will need you to lift them up in the days and months to come. Until we meet again....

*With Love,
Brandi*

Brandi Carlson Johnson - TX - Niece - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Just this past summer I saw Drift at the Norway Fair. He didn't notice me and regrettably, I didn't approach him although I had a strong urge to. Prior to this I hadn't seen him in almost 10 years. Jim was a very giving and resourceful man. When he was building his house he milled his own hardwood trim and took the time to make enough extra for my entire house. It was beautifully done and he charged me nothing for his time and very little for the stock. He was always so motivated to get things done. Some people are talkers, but Jim was a doer. I've always wanted to be more like him.

Erin, I am so sorry for the loss you and your children have to suffer. It must seem impossible to believe that God has a plan in a time like this. Just remember this life is only temporary and what we all can have on the other side is so much better than ever imagined.

Mark Seppala and Family - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Erin-My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Support for your is overwhelming. We all (at Evergreen) are thinking of you daily and willing to help in any way we can. Hang in there, I know you are strong and we all love you!!!

Amy Kemnitz

Amy Kemnitz - Quinnesec, MI - friend of Erin - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at your time of loss. May you cherish the good memories.

Larry and Cindy Sanders - Niagara, WI - freinds - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are sorry for your loss and hope that you can cherish the happy memories that you all shared as a family.

Jennifer Slagle and family - Felch, MI - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To all the Carlson Family,

It's been a long time since I've seen Drift. My memories are clear, though, in that Drift was one to always smile and crack jokes the minute he entered a room or group. He would rib and tease and would take it back in return. When we'd see him in passing, we'd holler back and forth, joking each other, and we could count on him to say something that got us laughing or that he'd be laughing when he left.

My memories are of his good humor and good nature that I know you share as well.

Sincerely, Dave Buck

Dave Buck - Signal Mountain, TN - friend - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in are thoughts and prayers! Much Love!

Joe and Carrie Depotie and family - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

T@

“ Erin, so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family.

tessie miller - channing, MI - co-worker @icmcf - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Erin and Fay, and the rest of Jims family.....My thoughts are with your every day... You both know how I feel about you, and if you need anything at all, I am only a phone call away. My sympathies to all of you.

Sandy Hamby - Felch, MI - friend - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ To the Carlson Family,
Our hearts goes out to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Yvonne Dunlap and Family - Escanaba, MI - Friend - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ To The Family, We send our love and prayers to all at this most difficult time. May your faith in our loving God strengthen and comfort you. May family and friends be there to offer support, love and friendship in the days ahead. God Bless. Norman & Shirley

Norman & Shirley Skogman - Foster City, , MI - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Erin and Family- Our hearts break and we offer our friendship and condolences in this time of sadness- if you and/or your children need ANYTHING-please, do not hesitate to call- we are here for you, always !

DiAnne and Harold Johnson - Foster City, MI - friend - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Erin and Family words can not explain the sadness we are all feeling for you all..Sending lots of love ..Call me anytime Erin.....Love you*

Rachel Siegle - NORWAY, MI - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To the Carlson Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Hold onto your memories of your loved one, they are precious.*

Jessica Schultz - Sagola , MI - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM