



James R. Fleury

March 12, 1953 - December 10, 2019

James R. Fleury of Breitung Twp. passed away on December 10th, 2019, at his home with his loving family at his side.

Jim was born on March 12, 1953, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Clem and Millie (French) Fleury. He has lived in this area his entire life and was a 1971 graduate of Iron Mountain High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Northern Michigan University in Industry and Technology in 1977. He worked as a talented builder and handyman for many years. He then worked at Verso Paper from August of 1992 until his retirement in June of 2016. He married Kathy Helgren, the love of his life and his best friend on August 17, 1996. They had many memorable and happy years together. Jim was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford. He enjoyed building and restoring old cars and most recently with the help of family and friends was able to drive his last project car: a 1930 Model A. Jim looked forward to his annual ski trip in Oregon with his sons, and he also loved spending time with his large family, especially his grandchildren. Rivers Bend was one of his favorite places to relax and go for a boat ride. He was always willing to step in and help family and friends with their building projects and will be missed for his skill and attention to the little details. He always insisted on doing it the right way.

Jim is survived by his wife, Kathy; his eight children, Nick (Pedro Pacheco) Fleury, Tony (Liz) Fleury, Brad (Karen) Ellis, Jana LaPoint (Nick and McKenzie

Taylor), Jodi Ellis (Elliott Burns), Dean (Corrie) Ellis, Katie (Andy) Gibbons, and Kevin (Heather) Ellis. Sixteen grandchildren, Tavian & Teeghan Fleury, Cody, Andie, Emma & Aiden Ellis, Paige, Brenden & Ryan LaPoint, Malakai Broersma, Piper Burns, Harvey, Adelaide, & Roderick Ellis, and Taylor & Carson Ellis; three brothers and three sisters, Clem (Phyllis) Fleury Jr, Tom (Cheryl) Fleury, Suzanne Fleury (Wil Rodriguez), Bev (Jim) Tobin, Mike (Mary Anne) Fleury, and Nancy (Don) Pelino. Jim is also survived by many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, siblings of Kathy, and many good friends, too numerous to mention. Pallbearers: Ray Bryant, Dan Hansen, Rich Victorson, Mark Ellingson, Ed Chaperon, and Dave Balmes, all friends of Jim.

Visitation will be on Thursday, December 19th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be on Friday, December 20th at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford at 11:00 am. Fr. Michael Kowalewski will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Iron Mountain Public Schools to purchase much needed equipment for the Technical Education department, which would make Jim very happy. Kathy will match the amount given for the school up to \$5,000.

Condolences to the family of James Fleury may be expressed online at www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Fleury.*



December 18, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Fleury.*



December 18, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ *Kathy & families,
Very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May your memories help sustain you through this sad time. Saying prayers for you.
Mary & Harry Raho*

Mary Raho - December 17, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James R. Fleury.*



December 17, 2019 at 11:41 AM

GB

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. It seems to happen to the good ones that they go far too early. Although I haven't seen him in years, I remember him in school shop classes. He had a great wit and sense of humor and was an easy guy to get along with. My condolences to Jim's family and other friends. May he rest in peace.

Gregg Ball - December 16, 2019 at 01:06 PM

MH

“ Kathy, Thinking of you and your whole family with sympathy. He was a special guy 🙏 Butch and Marian Hiatt

marian hiatt - December 15, 2019 at 03:56 PM

FS

“ Dear Kathy, beloved sons, Nick, and Tony, Kathy, you and Jim walked through the journey of life side by side with its highs and lows. The love and joy you shared was obvious. Nick and Tony, your dad would speak of his pride in who you each have become and the the lives you've chosen.

With sincere sympathy and sorrow, the bell has towle to say farewell to a very good man, husband, father, step-father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Jim loved sharing a fun life with you and all "the kids" and families! God called Jim home to new life. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant Jim eternal rest and provide comfort to your entire family that he rests in peace.



Friends, Jeff and Lana Smith - December 14, 2019 at 09:08 PM

JE

Jeff and Lana Smith, friends

Jeff - December 14, 2019 at 09:12 PM

KF

I appreciate that Jeff and Lana. Thank you.

Kathy Fleury - December 15, 2019 at 10:41 PM

LF

“ *Kathy, family, I am so sorry about Jim's passing. Jim was always so nice and friendly. He went to school with my brother Joe and I remember Jim always being a good friend.*

Kathy I am sorry for your loss. Faith , Family, and Friends will help you through. If you ever need to talk, please call me. I do understand.

With Sympathy, Laurie Furlow

Laurie Furlow - December 14, 2019 at 07:24 PM

KF

Thank you Laurie. I know you understand. I was just talking about you this afternoon. I was wondering how you were doing. 💕💕

Kathy Fleury - December 15, 2019 at 10:43 PM

MG

“ *Kathy, I was so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. It's been so many years ago now that I cleaned for you and Jim, he was always so nice to me when I would see him at your house. My deepest sympathy to you and all your family*

Mary Gasperich

Mary Gasperich - December 14, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James R. Fleury.*



December 12, 2019 at 04:00 PM