



James M. Lucas

August 28, 1953 - August 24, 2022

James M. Lucas, 68, of Breitung Township, passed away at home on Wednesday, August 24, after a courageous 19-month battle with cancer.

Jim was born August 28, 1953, in Hibbing, MN, to the late James D. and Joanne C. (Capanoli) Lucas. He moved to Michigan in the 1960s. He was a member of the first graduating class of North Dickinson High School in 1972. Jim married his high school sweetheart, Valerie Dixon, on March 2, 1974 at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. After high school he began working at Lakeshore, Inc. in the assembly department, working there until its closure in 1989. He then took a position at the Verso Paper Mill in Quinnesec where he worked until his retirement in 2016.

Archery was Jim's passion; he was a member of the National Field Archery Association as well as the U.P. Field Archery Assoc. where he once served as president. Over the years he obtained numerous indoor and outdoor archery records in Michigan. He promoted archery by volunteering his time teaching youth archery at the Lake Ellen Bible Camp and offering anyone help with their archery skills, many times shooting in his backyard. In his younger years he coached SAY Soccer and had the pleasure of coaching all four of his sons. He previously shot trap and was a member of the United Sportsmen's Club in Merriman. Jim loved fishing and hunting with his family. He also enjoyed a good game of cribbage and playing cornhole. He attended the Evangelical

Covenant Church in Norway, MI. His strong faith gave him a positive outlook and contentment even while his health was declining.

Survivors include his wife, Valerie; sons, Adam (Sarah) Lucas and Allen Lucas of Breitung Township and Austin (Stephanie) Lucas of Manitowoc, WI; three grandchildren, Dylan, Declan and Josephine Lucas; a sister-in-law, Gloria Koelbl; two nephews, Patrick & Clint Koelbl; a close cousin, Gary Passard; and many other extended family members and good friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Andrew D. Lucas; his mother-in-law, Ethel Dixon; a brother-in-law, James Koelbl; and a nephew, Derek Koelbl.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway. A memorial service will follow at 3:00 pm at the church. Pastor Jim Danielson will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Jim Lucas may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Val, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. It was always my pleasure to work with you and Jim at the bank. Barry Rosene

Barry Rosene - September 06, 2022 at 11:08 AM

WH

“ I worked with Jim at Lake Shore. My deepest condolences. I am very sorry for your loss.

William Haigh - August 30, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JA

“ Val and family,. Our very deepest sympathy in this time of loss. May God give all of you comfort and peace. Joe and Kay Arcand

Joe and Kay Arcand - August 30, 2022 at 09:37 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear of Jimmy 's passing. We go way back to the baseball days. He was fun to be around. We played on teams together and against each -I always liked him. May he Rest In Peace. My condolences, sympathy and prayers. Jimmy Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - August 28, 2022 at 11:38 PM

JP

“ I worked with Jim at Lake Shore and at the Mill. My deepest condolences. I am so very sorry for your loss. RIP

Jim Peterson - August 27, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James M. Lucas.*



August 27, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Connie and Patrick Smith purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James M. Lucas.*



Connie and Patrick Smith - August 26, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James M. Lucas.*



August 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Valerie and family, Jim was such a gentleman in high school and throughout the years. Our deepest sympathy. Love your Cousin Deena Mattson Lindeman, Gary, Ward and Ekaterina*

Deena Lindeman - August 26, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James M. Lucas.



August 26, 2022 at 09:30 AM