



James Marston

July 29, 1954 - April 17, 2012

James C. Marston, 57, of Maplewood, MN, formerly of Iron Mountain, passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at his home.

He was born July 29, 1954, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Amos Marston and Lucy (Wilds) Marston. At a time when it was still common to institutionalize Down Syndrome children, they made the firm commitment to raise him in the home and the community. He attended special education in the Iron Mountain public schools and worked for Trico and other programs for special needs adults in the area.

He was an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church and his life as a Christian was important to him. He loved reading his Bible and leading his family in devotions. He was well-known and loved in his church community and the larger Iron Mountain community. He had an incredible memory for faces and names and greeted people with enthusiasm wherever he went. For a time he was a greeter for Walmart, and at other times worked for KFC, McDonalds, and the Iron Mountain Schools. He was proud to be involved in Boy Scouts and Awana.

In 2009 Jim accompanied his mother to live with his sister Mem in Maplewood. He already showed signs of the Alzheimers that eventually resulted in his death.

He is survived by his mother, Lucy, of Maplewood, MN; his brothers, Walter(Sue), of Grand Rapids, MI, John, of Mexico City, Mexico, and Samuel (Heidi) of Red Lion, PA; and his sister, Mem (William) Lloyd of Maplewood, MN. Also by his nieces and nephews Katie, Laura, John, William (fiancé Laura), Michael, Logan, and Ethan

He was preceded in death by his father, Amos.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 20th from 4 to 7pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford. Rev. Ronald Wolfe will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jim's memory to Camp Daniel, W10541 Army Lane Athelstane, WI 54104 .

Condolences may be expressed to the family of James C. Marston online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill
332 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

PS

“ I worked with James. He always made my day when he looked at me and said, "Oh you darlin." I was very sad when our together was over and he went to a new work place.

Rest in peace.

Paula

Paula Lindblom - Lino Lakes, MN - former staff - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I will miss Jim's warm greetings and hugs. Mem, Bill and Lucy, I loved, and still will love, being around your sweet hearts and patience. Love, Linda

Linda Feltes - St Paul, MN - friend - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ To Jim's family,

My sympathies and prayers are with you. I remember seeing Jim around town when I was young and also when he worked at Walmart. He had so much enthusiasm.. He volunteered at Freeman's Nursing Home when my mother was a resident and she looked forward to seeing him because he was so happy and always smiling. When my daughter worked at North Point during college breaks, Jim was one of her clients. She is traveling abroad at present, but sends her condolences. Her comment was that Jim was her favorite client. He was so good natured, kind, and caring. The managers would work with Jim to remind him that if he met a new person, he should shake their hand. When asked the protocol, Jim would answer," I will just shake their hand and say hello." Within minutes of that statement, he could meet a new person and he would be hugging his new friend. You couldn't help but smile at that. Jimmy always just had so much love to share. He was truly a child of God.

Alice (Brosio) Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - classmate of Mem's - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I remember Jimmy fondly- My Mom was Jimmy's Boy Scout leader as a youth... only happy memories of this great man. What a blessing to have known him.*

Mary Hansley Miller - Iron Mountain, MI - friend/neighbor - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Sam, I just wanted to extend my sincere condolences to your family on the loss of your brother.*

Anne Schultz - COLUMBIA, MD - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I lived in Iron Mountain until I was in the 5th grade. Mr. Marston was our principal and I remember Jimmy from Cub Scouts. A handshake or a hello wasn't good enough - always a big hug. My condolences to his family.

Mark Anderson - Sewell, NJ - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Jimmy was such a joy on my dad's (Biff) mailroute each day. He will be missed.
He was a joy.

anne eslinger johnson - iron mountain, MI - friend - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Sam,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your brother. I pray that you would be comforted in the knowledge that God has called him to his heavenly home and that right now he is rejoicing. - Philippians 3:20-21

Loren Vermont - Stevensville, MD - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Lucy Mem and family.

We were so sorry to hear about Jimmy. I was able to see Jimmy and your Mom at Manor Care every Monday for bible study. I looked forward to those weekly visits as I knew I would see them both there. He had a big hug for me and always asked about our kids by name as they got to know him through Sunday School when they were young.

My husband and I moved to Florida when your mom and Jimmy moved up with you to have her hip surgery. I have stayed in touch with Helen Wickman and she always updated me on how they were doing.

Jim is up with God and his Dad and we will see them all again. Im thankful for the years I was able to enjoy your whole family growing up as a close friend of the family. Give your mom a hug for me!

*Love,
Dick and Gail (Peterson) Dabb*

Gail Peterson Dabb - Coconut Creek, , FL - family friend - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Rest in peace James carelton marston

shantelle - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. Jimmy was our neighbor on the East Side. We remember how friendly he was and always greeted us by name. Please accept our condolences,
The McCallum Family

Debbie Knutson - Fence, WI - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Lucy and Family- We are so sorry to hear of Jimmie's passing. We are unable to be with you at this time as we will be out of town, but wanted you to know we have wonderful memories of him. The summers we spent with him at Friends of the Forest were special as he was to us and anyone who knew him.

-Simone and Jack Kriegl

Simone and Jack Kriegl - Spread Eagle, WI - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Seems I've known the Marston family forever -- through Immanuel Baptist Church and John was a school-mate. Jimmy was always the church "greeter" long before he was a Wal-Mart greeter. He would insist that I was Linda -- not Lynn -- and I had to remind him over and over that Linda is my sister, the blonde one. Then he would teasingly call me Mary -- my younger sister's name -- laughing the whole time because he really knew which one I was. There were a few times he would throw my brother's name in there, just to keep teasing me. Oh how he would laugh! And then give me a HUGE hug. I had moved back home in March, 2010 and was very disappointed to find out Lucy and Jim had moved away themselves, but I found John (through Internet means) and was able to keep in touch that way. The Lord called Jimmy home because his work on Earth was finished; Jim's work in Heaven is now underway. The Sauve family will greatly miss Jim's enthusiasm, love of life, and most of all his generous spirit. Rest In Peace, Jim.

Lynn Sauve - Bassett, VA - school, church, family friend - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Sam, I am sorry for the loss of your brother. After reading some of the memories that his friends have posted, I see the joy he brought to those who knew him. I hope those loving memories live on in the thoughts of you and your family and I will pray for your healing as you get through this difficult time. - Jay

Jay Jaworski - Finksburg, MD - Co-worker and friend - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Walter and family, My condolences go out to you and your family with the loss of you brother. I remember him when we were kids. There was one time at the Covenant church where all of the kids were in the basement for some kind of activity and Jim sat there with the biggest plastic comb you could buy - he was so proud of that comb in his back pocket and he would take it out and comb his hair often. He was so happy. Good memory. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sally Jo (Wheeler) Bailey

Sally Jo Wheeler Bailey - Franklin, WI - Friend of the family - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Lucy and family, I speak of Jimmy often and Steve and I were so saddened to read of his passing. We can only imagine the joy and celebration of Heaven as Jimmy enters it's gates! His was one of the purest and sweetest spirits I have ever known. Please accept our sympathies as you feel this loss. Jimmy was a very special gift to us and a reminder of God's perfection in each of us.

Wendy Dalberto - New Bern, NC - Friend - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Sam,
Sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers here.

Eric

Eric Cygnarowicz - Sykesville, MD - Coworker to Sam - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My condolences to the family of Jimmy, Anyone who went to the Catholic school in the 70s remembers Jimmy , how can anyone not? He was the guy that always talked to ya even if you were half way down the hall, he always had a smile on his face and always liked a hug. What a great person, When I read he was a greeter that was no surprise perfect job for such a perfect person. He touched the lives of all that new him. I know he will be missed. Jimmy
Thanks for the Memories

Geno Alessandrini - Iron Mountain, MI - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ My most favorite year as a short bus driver for the 3-5years olds was when we shared Jimmy as our Aide on the bus. As an extra bonus I was always warmly welcomed into the Marsden home to visit with Jimmy and Lucy upon returning Jimmy, home.

I remember Jimmy when he was young, always friendly and loving. When my own son, who is now 14 was in the early childhood program, Jimmy was working there and he made me feel at ease, dancing and enjoying the little children.

Just a couple years ago at the out- to- lunch program he came and danced to the music with Denise.

Now, he can dance in Heaven.

What a blessing he has been.

Love to all and especially his family

Wendy Mulka - Kingsford, MI - Friend - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Since Jimmy grew up next to my aunt & uncle, seems I have known him forever. When my daughter started head start there was Jimmy riding the bus, helping out everyday. He would also remark what beautiful blue eyes she had. God sure knew what he was doing when he blessed the Marston Family with Jimmy, he touched so many lives with his kind heart and the big welcoming hug. As he entered eternal life, I know my Aunt Lorraine & Uncle Art where there waiting for him. God speed Jimmy, may your kind soul rest in peace.

Jennifer Flynn - Kingsford , MI - Lorraine & Art Johnson's niece - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ My condolences to Lucy and family. Jim made our neighborhood complete with his singing, photography, and entertainment. He was so much fun to be around and he never fogot a name or any song lyrics. One of my favorite memories was Jim singing Hawaiian songs with us back when Don Ho was popular. He will be missed.

Gretchen Anderson Zigman - Maple Grove , MN - neighbor - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our family has precious memories of "Jimmy" from many years ago in Sunday School and church. And we remember his friendliness and his hugs when he visited our mother Vivian Shogren in the nursing home. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Linda Shogren Belisle - Washington, IA - friend - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We extend our condolences to Lucy and the Marston family on the passing of Jim. His warm friendship and cheerful participation in the Northwoods Philatelic Society have been missed since he moved to Minnesota. He was a ray of light.

Jan and Jim Byrne

Jan and Jim Byrne - St. Charles, IL - Friends - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM