



James Durand

September 2, 1928 - October 2, 2007

James Durand, 79, of Richmond, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center, Mt. Clemens. James was born September 2, 1928 in Detroit the son of the late James and Ethel LeFleur Durand.

He married Billie Sutherland March 16, 1957 in Ferndale. The couple just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

James served his country with the United States Army between 1949 and 1953, first in Italy with the occupational forces after WWII then during the Korean War. Afterwards he worked for Duane Smelser Roofing for nearly 30 years before retiring in 1986. He was a retired antique dealer, specializing in lighting fixtures. James loved traveling, especially to hunt big game across the country and in Canada. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

James is survived by his wife Billie; two sons and daughter-in-law, Gregory Durand of Durand, James (Michelle) Durand of Wales Twp; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan (Karl) Cain of St. Clair; five grandchildren, Matthew and Jessica Cain, and J.J., Zachary, and Halee Durand; sister and brother-in-law, Madelon (James) Moore; brother and sister-in-law, Fredric (Deborah) Durand; as well as several nieces, nephews and friends.

James is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Victor Durand.

Cremation arrangements completed by Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond.

Tribute Wall



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January 29, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ Jim,
Sorry to hear about the lost of your father. He was a good man and
he will be missed.##imported-begin##BRIAN ROY##imported-
end##

October 27, 2007 at 09:08 PM



“ Uncle Jimmy, you brought many hours of enjoyment to my life and I
will always love you. You will be missed.I am truly sorry for your loss
to my Aunt and cousins. Lovingly your Niece, Debra##imported-
begin##Lovingly Your Niece Debra##imported-end##

October 15, 2007 at 11:27 AM



“ I guess you and Victor have given Ma and Dad a bad time like you
used to.##imported-begin##Love, Sis##imported-end##

October 15, 2007 at 11:24 AM



“ He was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed. My deepest sympathy to all the family.##imported-begin##Deborah Cain##imported-end##

October 14, 2007 at 02:53 PM



“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOU LOSS. LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO.

KERRY,PAM AND KIDS##imported-begin##THE MCCREADIES##imported-end##

October 10, 2007 at 11:55 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Durand family. Jim was such fun to be around, his sense of humor and generosity were his trademarks. He will be greatly missed at family functions.##imported-begin##Len and Marcy Gerlach##imported-end##

October 09, 2007 at 07:05 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Carrie (Freer) Barshaw##imported-end##

October 07, 2007 at 10:37 PM



“ We are so very saddened at the death of our good friend Jim...but know that he will forever be in our hearts...How in the world could you ever forget Jim with his "own" sense of humor, his kindness and his love of family. He will be missed...##imported-begin##Scott-Maureen Belt and Family##imported-end##

October 07, 2007 at 09:18 PM



“ Always a smile and a story. And a great lighting guy! Port Hope's loss, God's gain.##imported-begin##Stac and Rich Rivard##imported-end##

October 07, 2007 at 05:16 PM



“ Mrs. Durand and family: I share your grief and it is not easy, but time will heal our breaking hearts. Have faith and tomorrow has to be better. Marion Gilliland, Topeka KS##imported-begin##Marion Gilliland##imported-end##

October 06, 2007 at 09:51 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy to you Billie And your children. Jim will be miss by Mick & I Take heart Time will soften the edges and ease your burden##imported-begin##Mick & Terrie Stocker##imported-end##

October 06, 2007 at 06:19 PM



“ Dear Billie & Family, Our tears and our prayers are with you during this tragic time in your life. We will miss Jim, his witt, his smile, and most of all his kindness. Love Chuck & Gerry###imported-begin###Chuck & Gerry Wendt###imported-end##

October 06, 2007 at 04:27 PM



“ Billie and kids,my tears are added to yours for the loss of Jim. I will always remember the great fun times. Jim, i loved you, Mike###imported-begin###Mike###imported-end##

October 06, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ He always had a smile,never a frown----such a neat guy to be around.We know you are smiling now!###imported-begin###Jim and Maryjo McGarry###imported-end##

October 05, 2007 at 08:00 PM



“ Dearest Uncle, Father, Grandfather, Husband and Friend, Your kind heart, wonderful sense of humor, and so many other unique qualities will be sorely missed. We do have numerous fond memories from a life time in our hearts, so part of you will live on when each memory is recalled and we can smile just thinking about you. You always smiled when we saw you, so we'll hold on to knowing we were able to bring you at least some of the happiness you willingly brought to us.With love, Andrea & Tom###imported-begin###Andrea & Tom Harper###imported-end##

October 05, 2007 at 05:08 PM



“ *Best wishes to Billie and the Durand Family.##imported-begin##Karl and Erin Frank##imported-end##*

October 05, 2007 at 02:02 PM



“ *Our Family always had the best times with Jim, such a dry wit, always made everyone laugh. He will be sorely missed, and will be remembered fondly every time we get together.##imported-begin##Melissa J. McGarry##imported-end##*

October 05, 2007 at 01:36 PM