



James Daniel Powers

April 16, 1948 - February 19, 2011

James Daniel Powers

62, a lifelong Emmett resident, died unexpectedly Saturday, February 19, 2011 in Florida.

He was born April 16, 1948, to Lawrence Charles Powers and Mary Gertrude Ryan Powers.

He proudly served his country with the United States Army with the Mackenzie Raiders 3/4 Cav in Viet Nam, earning a bronze star with a V medal.

Jim was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett, and past commander of the Emmett Gleason-Butler-Sharpe V.F.W. Post # 5585.

He is a retired self-employed carpenter, and continued to farm up until his death.

Diamond Jim was known for his Irish wit, generosity, pride for serving his country and of his Irish heritage.

He is survived by a daughter Patricia Rose Powers, Greenville S.C., step children, Kim (Dave) Rushing, and Steve (Danielle) Kruse of Florida; brother, Larry (Mary Leigh) Powers, sister, Marian (Don) Dunn all of Emmett; eight nieces and nephews, three step granddaughters, ten great-nieces and nephews, as well as countless friends from around the country.

His parents and sister Patricia Ann Powers precede him in death.

His family honors the memory of James and invites you to visit and share

memories Thursday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, with V.F.W. honors at 6:00 p.m. and rosary devotion at 6:30 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mt, Carmel-Kenockee Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book
kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
10828 Brandon Road
Emmett, MI 48022
(810) 384-1338

Tribute Wall



“ I will miss you Diamond Jim you where a great friend i will always rember you
sorry foryour loss Larry and Marian and patricia###imported-
begin###Mark Cowhy###imported-end##

February 26, 2011 at 01:02 PM



“ We have wonderful memories of Jim and family at get-togethers in Capac MI.
The hayrides were so much fun! Jim even taught Glenn how to cut, bail & stack hay. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of Jim Powers loved ones and friends. We will never forget Jim.###imported-
begin###Glenn & Nancy Marinetti###imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Jimmy, you have been a lifelong personal and family friend. So many years ago I would have never guessed I would shed a tear for you as you called me names in Mrs. Fischer's English class. But as the years have swiftly passed I came to love your wit and grand Irish friendliness. I will never forget you and your genuine love for my family. So may years and memories, like "It's a rough looking ticket but it gets me on down the road". As I go down that road you are not forgotten. Your friend, Cheryl###imported-begin###Cheryl Malloy Fisher###imported-end##

February 25, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ So saddened to hear of a very dear friend passing. Jim was a great friend, making me laugh every moment we were together. In my heart and prayers. Love, Janet###imported-begin##janet and rick###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 05:23 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He had such great stories to tell. St. Patrick's Day won't be the same without him. I was proud to call him Cuz.....46EY

My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of need.###imported-begin##MaryFran Cogley Port Huron,Michigan###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 02:40 PM



“ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Cor 1:3,4

I thank God that He allowed Jim to spend precious time with his family before He called him home. I pray that brings comfort to those who will miss him dearly.###imported-begin##Janice Hesse###imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ *Cousin Jim was a true gentleman with a heart as big as he was. His service in the military and pride and loyalty to country and family said everything about Jim. His life was too short and he will be greatly missed. God Bless.##imported-begin##Christine Ryan Sass##imported-end##*

February 24, 2011 at 08:08 AM



“ *My family lived down the road from cousin Jim until I was eight years old; we went to a one room country school together, along with our dear Patty. Jim loved life and could always bring a smile to your face. He always made sure to talk and visit if he saw you. I will always remember the large family reunion that we had a few years ago on his farm...he made sure the kids had a great time. We will be telling Diamond Jim stories in the family for years to come. God Bless You Jim.*

Sheila Ryan Collins##imported-begin##sheila ryan collins##imported-end##

February 24, 2011 at 07:54 AM



“ *Diamond Jim,*

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again
May GOD hold you in the palm of His hand
An Irish Blessing*

*we will hold your memory in our hearts forever Jimmy##imported-
begin##Dick and Patty Hunter##imported-end##*

February 24, 2011 at 07:53 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you
during this time and praying for the family.
Deepest Sympathies,
Michael, Shannon and Lillian
Charleston, SC##imported-begin##Shannon Bruton##imported-
end##*

February 24, 2011 at 06:36 AM



“ *My cousin Jimmy:
I am and always will be proud to have shared a lot of good times with you. One of many times I remember is driving around with you and Sandra in your convertible car and being goofy with hubcaps as hats, this was before you got drafted. I am very blessed by your whole family. When I think of good times, you and your brother, sister, dad, and mom are there. Thanks so much for your love and support, and all the fun hay rides. Now my kids too have fond memories. For now, I know you are at peace with our lord and savior Jesus Christ. In the name of the father, son, and holy spirit. I pray for peace to be with you all in this time of need.
Love Cousin Teresa.##imported-begin##Teresa (Ryan) Fuchs##imported-end##*

February 24, 2011 at 12:50 AM



“ *Patrica ,Larry & Mary Leigh,Marian & Don
Please accept our condolences. You have lost a father and brother, we have lost a good frind , America has lost a soldier and a true Patroit. We will always remember Diamond Jim and he will be missed very much. Emmett will never be the same without him.
GOD Bless Him##imported-begin##Larry & Bette Jo Sharpe##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 09:12 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Jim's family. Oh what good times we all had! His memory will always be etched upon our hearts and "Sink the Bismark" will hold happier times near. The A and W, the road parties, Hewitt's Pit, being young and stupid, living as though we were all immortal.

With loving memories of simpler times,
The Hamburglers##imported-begin##JANINE NAVARRO (NEE SWANTEK)##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ Jim was one of the finest soldiers I ever had. He was a good man and a good friend. His laughter and fine Irish humor will be sadly missed but never forgotten. We'll all be together again one day, Jimbo, but until then, know how much we all love you.##imported-begin##Robert H. Maxey##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ Our hearts are heavy for your loss. So many of our fondest memories include Jim (Larry too), and oh, how we used to laugh WITH Jim..tears mingling occasionally. His peace has arrived...finally. He is one with his men, and your beloved sister. Our love and hopes are with all of you.##imported-begin##Kristan (Swantek) Futrell/Janine (Swantek) Navarro##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ *Larry & Mary Leigh*

So sorry to hear of the passing of Jim Lewis got to know him at the restaurant in Emmett. He will remember his wit and personality. To the entire family we send our deepest sympathy and Jim will be truly missed.

As Ever

Lewis and Vera Lindsay##imported-begin##Lewis & VeraLindsay##imported-end##

February 23, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ *I to served with jim. we went to basic training Fort Knox, Ky together. For 40 some years i would call jim on feb. 8th, and wish him welcome home, we would talk at length about our time together and the fellows we served with.We always fininshed our talk with "ALPHA-8-3, BEST DAMN COMPANY ON THE POST" and laugh.##imported-begin##jim marcum##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 08:48 AM



“ *May God wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you in yor time of sorrow, God Bless You Jim.##imported-begin##Peggy VanThomme (Emmons)##imported-end##*

February 23, 2011 at 08:03 AM



“ *May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

Peace, Prayers and Blessings,

Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Kemp##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 11:05 PM



“ I to served with Jim this has been a great shock to me, Jim was a true friend and I will truely miss him.##imported-begin##Ed Mooney##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 10:06 PM



“ Jim Powers, Diamond Jim or Cousin Jim he answered to all. Jim Powers was the kind of cousin that made you laugh and smile and shake your head. My family loved Jim and my daughters loved all of the "Jim Stories" he would tell. He always had a kind word for me, my wife and my daughters. When my mother was sick he always talked about her. Jim was a one of a kind guy, a heart of gold and as big a heart as they get along a gift for the Irish wit and gab. God Bless Jim for all the pain he had over the years and still he never gave up. I am sure Jim is in heaven, catching up with cousin Patty and Uncle Charlie and Aunt Gert. Jim might have to talk for a long time to get them all caught up on his life, but I think he is just the man to do, Jim sure could talk. Until we meet again Cousin Jim and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Pat Sheehy Family##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 04:48 PM



“ We were saddened to learn of Jim's passing,our heartfelt sympathy go to the family.It is hard to be prepared to lose a close friend like Jim,sometimes it is almost unbearable.Beverly and I were honored to know him,he was a big part of our 3/4 Cav family.At our reunion we would listen to Jim's stories and humor for hours and we never grew tired of them.In 1998 Jim was in a VA hospital,he sent us a Vietnam Memorial three soldiers statue,evertime I sit here I look at it and his picture I think about how much Jim loved his military family.Three words Jim would always say instead of thanks were- God Bless You.So I say to you Jim - GOD BLESS YOU we will miss you.##imported-begin##George N. Heavener##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 11:16 AM



“ Jim served with me in B troop 3/4 Cavalry in Vietnam. He was a fine young man and a great soldier. he always brought us great joy when he attended our reunions. Jim will be missed but remembered by all who served with him and loved him. we'll meet again in Fiddler's Green.##imported-begin##Jerry Headley##imported-end##

February 22, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ Jim's passing has left me almost speechless but at the same time even more aware that we are all short timers and soon will meet with our higher ups at Fiddlers Green. I talked to Jim only a few weeks ago as he was trying to get some 3/4 Cav items together for some family function. I told him I could get it to him no problem and we ended our conversation with I'll see you in Nashville, promise as I missed Tucson. I said I'll see you there then and said our good byes.

I will surely miss his antics and good nature and tonight when I go to bed I will say a prayer for his family and for his Military family of the 3/4 Cav. Jim was dedicated to his family and will be missed by all of us in the Assciation.

Prepared and Loyal

I'll see you soon my brother,keep a light on for me to follow. I will be there with you before you know it.##imported-begin##Bingo Bingham##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 08:37 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I considered Jim to be one of my best friends and, an army brother. I will miss his humor and laughter, but he will never be forgotten. I served in Viet Nam with Jim and our friendship continues to this day.

May God bless Jim and his family.

You served your country well.

"Is anyone down range"##imported-begin##Donald Evans##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 08:07 PM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of Jim. We served in Vietnam together in the 3/4 Cav., 25th Infantry Division. I grew up in near by Metamora and so Jim and I were home buddies. I will miss him and count it a privilege to have known and served with him. God's richest blessing in Christ to you his family and friends.##imported-begin##Dennis E. Roe##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 04:11 PM