



James "Jim" Liebetreu

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James "Jim" Liebetreu, age 72, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on April 20, 2020. He was born January 5, 1948 to the late Norman and Frieda Liebetreu. Jim graduated from St. Clair High School in 1966. He married Diane Cooley on July 15, 1972. As a child, Jim grew up working on the farm in Casco Twp. He continued farming until 1986 when he transferred to the city of Port Huron where he worked for the DPW until 2008. From 1985 to 1990 Jim enjoyed coaching his tug of war team, the Rope Busters. That Rope Buster team he led never lost, going undefeated for all 5 years they competed. Jim was an active member at St. Matthews U.C.C., Adair. He had served on the church council, and he was a big part in preparing the church's annual chicken dinner. In his spare time Jim was an avid gardener, and he especially enjoyed social gatherings with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Diane; children, Michael (Susan) Liebetreu, Jamie (Matthew) Mackley, John Liebetreu; grandchildren, Katelyn, Mitchell, Emily, Joshua, Andrew, Scarlett; brother, Keith (Kathy) Liebetreu; in laws, Jerold and Joyce Cooley, Richard (Wanda) Cooley, Esther Liebetreu, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brother, David Liebetreu, and nephew, Kurt Liebetreu. Cremation arrangements with Young Funeral Home, China Twp. A celebration of life will be Saturday July 25, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Matthews UCC followed by a procession to Hillside Cemetery. The memorial service will take place outside, so please bring a mask and lawn chair. Memorial contributions are suggested to Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation or Blue Water Hospice Home, Marysville. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



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AM

Annette Morrocco lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Diane, Our sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim was my cousin; Aunt Frieda was my Mother's sister, Aunt Frieda and I shared the same birthday and she was my godmother. Jim and I shared memories of our youth when the Herman family had their family picnic at Aunt Frieda and Uncle Norm's farm. We had such fun in the hay loft. Unfortunately, I have lived away from MI since 1962 but always visited when possible. May God bless and keep you in his care. John and Ann (Annette Barks) Morrocco (Cecil PA)



April 24 at 3:34 PM

BP

Betty Pinnoo posted:

Diane so sorry to hear about the passing of your love one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in peace. Bill and Betty Pinnoo

April 23 at 6:27 AM

KS

Karen (Achatz) Stockwell lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".



April 22 at 6:56 PM

JL

Jim & Lorry posted:

Our sincere sympathy, Diane and to your family. We remember Jim as an interesting fun man that we enjoyed during our community group days eons ago. He often offered a different perspective that made everyone think more widely. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jim and Lorry Domagalski

April 22 at 9:54 AM

EL

Esther Liebetreu May 2 at 7:19 PM

Miss him! He and David are probably telling jokes and milking God's cows and out plowing the green pastures. RIP brother. Esther



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Terri Westrick lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Diane I just heard and I'm so very sorry for you and your family's loss
Terri Westrick

April 21 at 7:24 PM



Vicki Westrick posted:

Diane, I just saw this. I am so sorry, this happened way too soon. Love and hugs and if you need anything just give me a call. Take care of yourself and I look forward to being able to see you person.

April 21 at 2:05 PM



Nancy Daniels posted:

Diane you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers I am truly sorry for your loss

April 21 at 1:10 PM



Denise Brogan lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

April 21 at 12:25 PM



DB Denise Brogan April 21 at 12:29 PM

So sorry to hear about Jim. I use to love it when I was working at Kmart and he would come in and talk a bit. He would always talk to me too when St. James would get together with St. Matthews. Prayers to all of the family



Marilynn Pavlov posted:

Oh, Diane!! I was shocked to learn of your husband's passing. Please know that every day I say a Divine Mercy Chaplet and offer it for anyone who dies that day. Your husband should be in good hands now. God bless and keep you. Love, Marilyn Schreiner Pavlov

April 21 at 11:21 AM



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LP

Linda Pieprzak posted:

Diane & Family, Our deepest sympathy to You and Your Family. We Loved Jim. He was one of the Greatest Guys ! He always had a smile an a good word . He Was so much Fun to Be Around. The Tractor Parade was a Great Memory for All of Us. You Guys always invited us to your house for the Hay Rides. We had such a good time . We will never forget his hot salsa and chips that he had out for us to try. We will never forget Jim. Dave & Linda Pieprzak

April 21 at 9:58 AM

DL

Diana Lapka posted:

Diane, my best wishes and prayers go out to you and your family. We will miss his smiling face in church, but he will always be with us in our hearts. He was a gentleman! Deepest sympathy, Diana Lapka

April 21 at 9:08 AM

SJ

Sandra Johnson lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Our deepest sympathy to Diane and the Liebetreu family during this difficult time. Sandra & Gary Johnson

April 21 at 7:23 AM



RD

Raymond Dickinson posted:

Dianne, we are so in shock of the loss of a good friend. Have so many memories of having the opportunity of working with Jim at the City of Port Huron. Our prayers and love go out to you and your family. May God give you strength to carry you through these difficult times. Love Raymond and Mary Ann Dickinson

April 21 at 7:10 AM

SB

Sharon Bick lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

April 21 at 3:46 AM





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PD

Patricia Dundas posted:

Diane, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He was such a fun guy to be around and worked so hard. He will be missed. Patricia Dundas

April 21 at 2:42 AM

SD

Stanley Demski posted:

Jim was one of my favorite people. It was always a great family. I still think of Jim and everyone in Adair. Wonderful people. Wonderful times.

April 20 at 10:14 PM

NM

Nancy Markel posted:

Diane, I am so sorry for your loss Jim was and always be a great guy. He let me drive Cobra mustang until he met you. That was the end of that. Sorry I haven't seen you until forever but I have thought about the both of you often. God will watch over you and your family. My prayers are with all of you. God Bless.

April 20 at 4:51 PM

MS

Marilyn Spranger posted:

Diane I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Marilyn Spranger

April 20 at 4:23 PM

MB

Marlene Brown posted:

Diane and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was genuinely a good guy. We will miss him. He was a good neighbor. You are all in our prayers. Loren and Marlene Brown

April 20 at 4:12 PM

NK

Nancy Kulman posted:

Kenny and I so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Thoughts and prayers go out to you Diane and your family.

April 20 at 3:58 PM



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DS

David Smith lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".



April 20 at 3:58 PM

JG

Joe Garcia posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Sending our Love and prayers to Diane and Family. From Joe & Linda Garcia

April 20 at 3:14 PM

MM

Maria May posted:

Sending our deepest sympathy. You are in our prayers. Maria May and family

April 20 at 3:13 PM

DB

Donald Burgett posted:

Diane. Jane and I are very sad to learn this. Jim was one of the best guys ive known. I never saw him without a big smile on his face and he loved to laugh. I feel bad that i didnt make the time to stop and bisit with him and you. Any time i did tho we all had lots of stories and laughs. Good times. He will be sadly missed by all. We will keep him and you in our peayers. Let us know if there is anything we can ever do for you to help you out with anything we are able too. Much Love to you. Don and Jane Burgett.

April 20 at 3:03 PM

CN

Charlene Skuta Niebauer posted:

Diane, we are so very sorry for your loss prayers to you all. Bob and Charlene Niebauer

April 20 at 2:23 PM



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Bonnie. Cichocki lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".



April 20 at 2:16 PM



Joyce Shovan April 20 at 2:54 PM

Diane I just heard the sad news.I'm so sorry to see you go through this.My prayers are with your family. Joyce Shovan



Bonnie. Cichocki April 20 at 2:19 PM

I'll miss my sunday morning hug at church.



Jan And Gary Stockton posted:

Diane, we are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.Jan and Gary

April 20 at 2:09 PM



Linda Miller Cousin posted:

My love is with all of you.

April 20 at 1:38 PM



Kathy Forton posted:

God Bless you, Jim.We enjoyed your company, stories, the sweet corn on the cob you shared, tractor parades around Columbus Township, seeing your friendly wave as you drove by, and the privilege of calling you 'neighbor'. We had good times together, and for that we are thankful. Kathy & Don Forton

April 20 at 1:27 PM



Mary Osterland April 20 at 1:36 PM

Condolences to you Diane & your family. Jerry always enjoyed seeing Jim when he was working on a job in Port Huron, & Jim stopping by. Saddened for your loss Diane.Mary & Jerry Osterland



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FB

Frances Brozowski posted:

Heaven had gained a wonderful man. During my visits at John's, I met Jim. I enjoyed his pickled hot sauce. He was the sweetest farmer I met under that maple tree at John's. When he found out I had a cucumber allergy, there he came with a bushel of fresh pickled cucumbers. Definitely a character who will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family to find peace during this difficult time.

April 20 at 1:16 PM

LB

Larry Brozowski posted:

I became friends with Jim through my Dad. I looked forward to Jim stopping by and having a few beers each summer while the everyone sat under the tree and told the same funny stories over and over again. I will definitely miss those times and his laugh. Rest in peace my friend.

April 20 at 12:43 PM

SM

Steve McNally lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

Lots of great memories working on the farm with Jim when I was a teenager, and the horseshoe team at Adair back in th he 90's. Rest in peace my friend

April 20 at 12:24 PM



CL

Carol Lavigne posted:

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Carol LaVigne

April 20 at 12:24 PM

FW

Frances Walker lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".

April 20 at 12:13 PM





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MB

Mary Burgett-Baker posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mary Burgett Baker

April 20 at 12:00 PM

VK

Vicki Kerszykowski lit a candle in honor of James "Jim".



April 20 at 11:58 AM

SR

Susan Robison May 8 at 3:11 PM

Diane, So sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful guy, so nice. Always so enjoyable to wait on and a big smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. Thinking of you. Sue (Slota) Robison.

KM

Ken Murphy April 30 at 8:34 AM

Condolences to Diane and family. Jim helped build a pole barn for a friend on hesson rd and he always had encouraging advice, cold beer outta the cooler and ohhh the delicious sweet corn at lunch time!! RIP JIM - hope to see ya soon Diane - your friend Ken Murphy

GH

Gary Hardy April 23 at 10:18 AM

So very sorry to hear about Jim. Jim was always welcoming and kind to me and my family. We are very saddened by his passing and he will be greatly missed.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James "Jim" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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