



# James William Chopp

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James William Chopp, age 87, of Marine City, passed away November 8, 2024 with his loved ones by his side.

James was born in Laurium, Michigan to the late Samuel and Agnes Chopp. On June 10, 1961 James married Terese Scholtes. She preceded him in death May 6, 2007.

James received his PhD in Educational Administration and enjoyed a 50 year career in education. James retired as principal and later served as interim superintendent for many local school districts. During his career he was the Special Education Director for Detroit, East China and Port Huron Public Schools. James also took great pride working with and mentoring student teachers.

James was a longtime member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City. He enjoyed rooting for all Michigan sports teams, especially his beloved Lions. He also loved traveling the state, visiting relatives and watching the freighters pass by. James was a man of great faith, which carried him forward each day. He loved his country, which was evident by his patriotic spirit. He also enjoyed meeting new people, hearing their stories and passing friendly advice. His family will forever remember his deep love for each of them and the legacy he has left them with.

James is survived by his children, Don (Sybil) Chopp, Connie (Darryl) Hagel and Carrie (Tim) Rhodes; grandchildren, Jonathan (Lindsay) Chopp, Nicole (Eric Jr.) Lipke, Taylor (Shane) Jackson, Alex Hagel, Brittney (David) Wynkoop and Timothy Rhodes; great grandchildren, Max, Demi and Duke Chopp, Kennedy Jackson and Avery, Cade and Easton Wynkoop; siblings, Jerome (Eileen) Chopp, Katherine "Kathie" Branham-Chopp and Margaret "Peggy" (Doug) Ellinger and many nieces and nephews.

James was predeceased by his sons, Pat, Chris and Tom Chopp and siblings, Vince, Eddie and Patty.

A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, November 22nd at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Cross



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Catholic Church, Marine City. Visiting hours will be one hour prior to mass from 11:00 to 12:00.

Memorials may be directed to the Holy Cross Educational Fund. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)

Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp.



# Events

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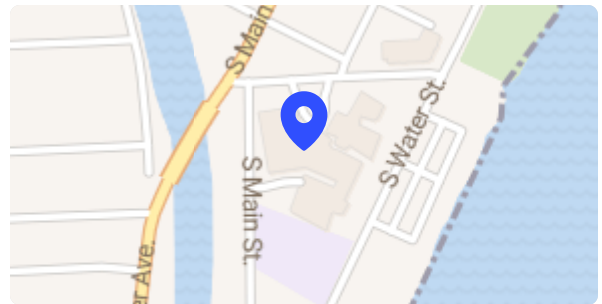
## Visitation

 **Friday**, November 22, 2024

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**

610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



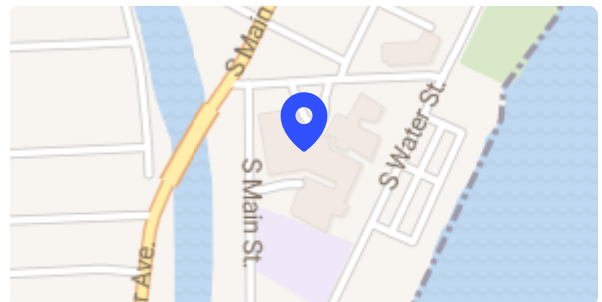
## Mass

 **Friday**, November 22, 2024

 12:00 PM ET

 **Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**

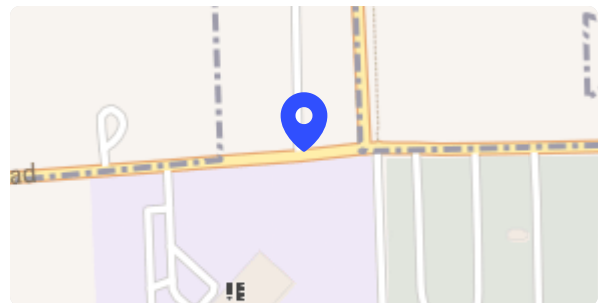
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## Cemetery Details

 **Holy Cross Cemetery**

Chartier Rd., Marine City MI 48039





## Tribute Wall

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**Sharon Hiller** posted:

Jim Chopp was a great mentor for me during my first year as an administrative intern. His easy-going manner and genuine caring for children was a blessing for the staff, students, and parents. I felt truly blessed to have a year to learn from him. I am thankful our paths crossed. I know he will be missed by many. May His family and friends remember the wonderful things he has done and the wisdom he has shared. Blessings, Sharon Hiller

November 21 at 5:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Chopp family.



November 19 at 10:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Chopp family.



November 19 at 7:15 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



November 19 at 7:15 AM



**Carole Gorecki** posted:

I taught at the Upper Elementary and enjoyed having Jim as my principal. He was easy to talk to and always had my back with parents. He also helped by having his wife edit an application for a summer grant to travel and study Shakespeare. This he did without my asking.

November 15 at 6:49 PM



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**Muriel Hayes** posted:

It was early on in my teaching career when I had the good fortune to teach art at Upper Elementary in Anchor Bay where Jim was my principal. He was so easy to talk to and always gave you great support in many ways. Education needs more Jim's!Muriel Hayes

November 13 at 5:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Chopp family.



November 13 at 9:46 AM



**Charles Franz** posted:

Mr. & Mrs. Chopp were a couple that helped change my life forever. They were both some of the kindest and most loving people I ever met.Mr. Chopp was someone I spent a lot of time with, he loved his breakfast and I spent a lot of mornings talking over plans with him during a sit down at one of his favorite spots for breakfast. He is the reason I still put green peppers and onions in my hash browns to this day.He always had great advice and a brilliant insight into life.He loved his family and constantly talked about his kids and grand kids and all of their accomplishments.I will always be thankful for our friendship and cherish those memories.He is someone I will always think of when I need patience and understanding in life moving forward, as he was some one who was naturally gifted in those areas.Thank you Mr. Chopp, I will always appreciate you and our friendship.

November 13 at 5:07 AM



**Charles And Jennifer Franz** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Chopp family.



November 13 at 4:40 AM



**Charles And Jennifer Franz** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



November 13 at 4:40 AM



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**Caroline & Edward Finestone** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Chopp family.



November 12 at 5:28 PM

MC

**Martha Cannon** posted:

Mr. Chopp was the principal at Naldrett Elementary when I worked in the library there. He was a wonderful boss. My condolences to his family.

November 12 at 2:03 PM

MP

**Marilynn Pavlov** posted:

I would like to send my most sincere condolences to the family of Jim & Terese Chopp. To say that I loved and respected your parents would be an understatement. I knew your mom first as the principal of Holy Cross She was such a good principal, all the while being very down to earth. Your dad was a delight. When I was principal at Holy Cross, your dad came down to the school and spoke with me, I don't even remember what we talked about but I was most impressed with his wisdom, his knowledge and the depth of his caring. I think I found myself wanting him to join our staff in some capacity just because of who he was. As you know, that never happened. There there are his children...Donnie, you met me when I was a brand new baby teacher and you were a squirrley 10 year old. I think you were taller than me even back then. Connie & Carrie, what can I say, sweet and sweeter. I loved you girls. You were beautiful teen agers who represented yourselves and your family very well. My life is richer because it has been touched by the Chopp family. May your father and mother rest in eternal and bask in Divine light. Sending you all my love.

November 12 at 9:01 AM

JS

**Jay Saph** lit a candle in honor of James.

Tom and his family lived directly across the street from me on market Street in Marine City. He was a wonderful neighbor, a gifted educator, and he and his wife were such a loving and friendly couple. I missed him greatly when he and his son moved to another home near the algonac area. Sorry to hear of his passing, but he had a wonderful productive life, as did his wife. Jay Saph



November 12 at 8:08 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Chopp family.



November 12 at 7:28 AM



**Dave Scheel** posted:

our condolences to the Chopp Family. Jim was a good man who helped many. God Speed 🙏

November 12 at 4:22 AM



**Ronnie Hagel** lit a candle in honor of James.

I would look forward to seeing Mr. Chopp at family events and sit there and just talk about life. He will be missed. My prayers go out to the family.



November 11 at 7:22 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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