



James L. Curtis

November 17, 1936 - April 6, 2017

James Lyle Curtis passed away at the age of 80, peacefully in his home on April 6, 2017.

He was born on November 17, 1936 to Lyle and Helen in Utica, Michigan.

Beloved husband of 57 years to Jeanne (Theut) Curtis.

Loving father of Kevin (Susie), James, David (Fiancé Kathy), Rebecca Curtis Brasher, Melvin (Debbie) Jeanne Curtis, Melodi (Bob) Ciner and the late Carolyn Curtis.

Proud Grandfather of Felicia, Sabrina, Faith, Jacob, Megan, Kyle, and the late Adrianna. Loving Great Grandfather of Ryker and Kolter Walton. Dear Brother of Anne, Grace, Cathy (Jay) Gagnon, Daniel (Sandy) Curtis and the late William and Jerome.

James leaves behind many loving brother and sister in-laws as well as nieces and nephews.

James served in the army. He was a longtime resident of Utica and retired from Utica Community Schools after 35 years of dedicated service. James liked to travel and seemed to bring a smile to everyone's face that he came in contact with. Throughout his life, he enjoyed helping others with any task.

Visitation Sunday 4 – 8 pm and Monday 2-8 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (North of 22

Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Instate Tuesday 9:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church 40501 Hayes (Between 17 and 18 Mile Rd.) Sterling Heights for a 9:30 a.m. funeral mass. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Thyroid Association at <http://www.thyroid.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 286-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Visitation

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

APR 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Instate at Church

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Community
40501 Hayes
Sterling Heights, MI

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *My sympathy too all.*”



Linda Marie Weier - April 10, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear about James’ passing – or Mr. Curtis to me.

Growing up on Munrovia, the Curtis family played a huge and positive role in my childhood. They we’re a family of true, honest people that not only took care of their family, but our little Munrovia community too. There was something very grounded in that house and yard. It had play and love built into it. From the playhouse in the back, to the hidden staircase to basement, to the rubber rope that flung us back and forth for hours on end – it seemed to be designed for a childhood.

Jeanne and Melodi were so inter-woven into my childhood it’s impossible to think about it without them. From as young as I can remember we explored everything childhood had to offer. Bikes, skateboards, Air Guitar bands, haunted houses, watching the Thriller premiere on MTV, and every other step in growing up. Both girls were such great friends and were part of an equally great family.

A family run by two firm and equally loving parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were extended parents to me – especially after my mother passed, but very much before too. This was a terrible time for me as a 9-year old child and the Curtis family were always sensitive and open-armed knowing that. And not just Mom and Dad, but all the kids. They always made me feel welcome and genuinely cared for. That sensitivity doesn’t come on it’s own, it’s taught. Taught by parents that lead by example. That lead with integrity, kindness and love – even if it didn’t seem obvious. And James was just that – an example of integrity, kindness and love.

I always got a good sense of balance from him. James was clearly a hard-working, selfless man, working tirelessly to support a large family. I always respected him and his home, while also feeling like it was my own. He was strong and firm, but also incredibly loving and lovable. I never wanted for him to be disappointed in me. He really made a difference and I know now

that I never really told him that.

So I guess i'm saying it now – to his family.

James didn't just make a difference in your life, but mine too. He didn't have to. Clearly he had enough children to raise, but the home and family he made directly effected me in some deeply profound ways. Building foundations of helpfulness, work-ethic and generosity into my character. Foundations that will always stand the test of time. And although small in stature, he was a giant in every other way. Showing everyone around him what it means to be a Father. You should be proud he was yours – as I'm sure you are.

Love from London and God Bless.

Chad

Chad Warner - April 10, 2017 at 03:47 PM

ME

Thank you for the heartfelt words of kindness. I cannot express to you enough how much this meant to the Curtis family. Jeanne stood before a room full of family and friends and read this outloud. It brought all of us to tears and brought back alot of memories. I busted out laughing about the air guitar band "Eclipse." Thanks again Chad.

Melodi

Melodi - April 10, 2017 at 11:28 PM

 Dawn
Guzek
Terry

“ *We are so sorry to hear the sad news. Mr. Curtis was always such a nice man. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time.*



Dawn Guzek Terry - April 08, 2017 at 05:19 PM

DT

“ Always enjoyed working with Jim. He was helpful and friendly to everyone. Sympathy to his family.

Dave Turrel - April 08, 2017 at 10:24 AM

GS

“ Rest in peace, Jim.

Gail Schulte - April 08, 2017 at 08:41 AM

DO

“ So very sorry thoughts and prayers to the family God Bless you all He will help you through your grief and sorrow



DOT - April 07, 2017 at 03:33 PM