



James Edward Kilgo

October 10, 1954 - October 12, 2015

James Edward Kilgo, age 61, of Sterling Heights, passed away Monday, October 12, 2015 at home after a courageous 5 year battle with cancer. He was born on October 10, 1954 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, the son of Lelton "Harlan" and Lillian Faye (Thomas) Kilgo. Jim married Kathleen Marie D'Amico on March 11, 2006 in St. Clair Shores.

Jim lived his entire life in Macomb County. He graduated with the class of 1972 from Fraser High School. Jim loved his family with a deep devotion. He was always attentive to their needs and made sure that if at all possible they never lacked for anything. Jim enjoyed spending his summers on his boat on Lake St. Clair and golfing throughout the country. He was the proud owner of SMK Products for over 20 years. The cancer diagnosis 5 1/2 years ago left little hope. However, Jim was an amazingly strong man who persevered, surpassing all expectations. He went on to see all three of his sons marry, and start families of their own, blessing him with 5 new grandchildren in the last 4 years, all of whom were present for his 61st birthday.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; three sons: Scott (Charla) of Riverdale, Mark (Julie) of Clinton Township, Kevin (Andrea) of Macomb; step daughters: Ashley and Melanie; 7 grandchildren: Lillian, Ella, Claire, Jonas, Dawson, Korbin, Avery; brother Ken (Donna) of Sterling Heights; sisters: Diann (Bill) Kerry of Dearborn, Kathy (Rick) Brown of St. Clair, Sue Cetnar of Clinton

Township; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; nephew Kenny Kilgo; and brother-in-law Eric Cetnar.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 11 AM at the Wasik Funeral Home Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N of 22 Mile). Shelby Twp. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2 PM – 8 PM at the funeral home.

Those desiring may make contributions in Jim's honor to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute 4100 John R, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ We were all sorry to hear from Aunt Vi on Christmas that Jim had passed. Jim was always so nice to all of us. He fought the fight for some time. Our prayers will be with you all. With Love, Davetta, Lisa, Connie, Randy, Cliff and families.

Davetta Cross Ploughe - December 31, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear the passing of Jim. We have fond memories of watching our kids play baseball & football together. We will cherish those memories!! Our hearts go out to Scott, Mark & Kevin!!

Love always Dennis & Cathy Ellis

Cathy Gerweck Ellis - October 16, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edward Kilgo.



October 16, 2015 at 02:51 AM

JY

“ Great golf memories, he could hit the ball like a rocket! Very generous and loving man. We will miss you Big Man! j
Jerry and Mary Youngblood

jerry youngblood - October 15, 2015 at 04:04 PM

GC

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Memories from high school and football are all good. My prayers go out to Jim's family and in particular Ken. George Cameron "Class of 72"

George Cameron - October 15, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Kilgo.



October 15, 2015 at 10:23 AM

BB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to all the families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bryan & Judy, Lindalee , Brandon.

Bryan & Judy Brown - October 14, 2015 at 09:25 PM

JT

“ Although Jim is my nephew it always felt more like cousins because ie was only 11 years younger than I. We had very good visits. although they were too few. I will miss him, Harlin (Nut) and my sister very much.

Prayers and love to all
Jeff Thomas

Jeff Thomas - October 14, 2015 at 06:49 PM

GC

Im so sorry about Jim. I remember in high school he had the best smile & laugh. Prayers to all the family. Gina Cipriano

Gina Cipriano - October 14, 2015 at 08:46 PM

AS

“ I only had the privilege of knowing "Big Jim" for the last 4 or 5 years, but I learned early on that his sense of dignity, generosity, along with a passion for life and his family were paramount to him. These were some times hidden behind an intense sense of humor and honesty which were always in place. Saw him last Thursday and because of one of his famously humorous observations about people &/or events one of the last things I said to him was;

"come on Jimmy don't hold back tell us what you really think!!"

Believe me it wasn't the first time and I'm sorry it was the last, I will miss ya bud.

Al Sauve - October 14, 2015 at 07:40 AM

JG

“ I was always happy to see this amazing man with his Hugh smile and gentle manor.He will be greatly missed.love you Jim rest in peace. Xoxo Judy

judy galvano - October 13, 2015 at 08:39 PM

JG

“ Judy Galvano lit a candle in memory of James Edward Kilgo



judy galvano - October 13, 2015 at 08:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Edward Kilgo.



October 13, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James Edward Kilgo.



October 13, 2015 at 04:19 PM