



James Goodman

May 15, 1951 - November 6, 2023

James Goodman, age 72, of Papineau Township, peacefully passed away on Monday, November 6, 2023.

He was born in Kankakee on May 15, 1951, the son of James and Margaret (Hanna) Goodman. In 1993, James married the love of his life, Jeanne Kent, in the comfort of their own backyard in Papineau Township. He was an employee of the Local 150 for several years. He enjoyed fishing and hanging out with his friends.

James is survived by his dear wife of 30 years, Jeanne Kent of Papineau Township; his stepson, Dan (Julie) Reece of Kankakee; two sisters, Valerie Thibault and Kat Hanners, both of Arizona; and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Margaret Goodman.

Per Jim's wishes, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Jeanne, I did not know Jim, but have known you since we were older teenagers. The emptiness does not go away, but the many memories help. My condolences to you. Love, Halina*

Halina Baruffi - November 18, 2023 at 02:47 PM

LD

“ *I remember when Jeanne and Jim first got together. Can't believe how time races by. Jim was always willing to help out a friend. We leaned on him on a few occasions to fix a few cars or listen to some wise advice. I remember hanging out with him and having some fun conversations. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.*

Lisa Davidson - November 13, 2023 at 09:15 AM

TH

“ *I am so sorry. Jim was an awesome person and will be greatly missed.*



Tiffany Heneghan - November 12, 2023 at 03:54 PM

GL

“ *Jim was like a second father to me. Known him damn near all my life. Gonna miss ya jimmy raise hell up there for the rest of us.*

Glen - November 11, 2023 at 05:27 PM

SO

“ I knew Jim through his wife Jeanie whom I have been close friends with for many years.
I have always had a soft spot in my heart for him. I have spent many over nights at their home talking laughing listening to his stories and husband complaints and than to Jeanie's wife complaints and knowing in by heart why they made the 30 yrs work.I am so glad he did not suffer very long. Rest in peace my friend!

Shirley Orlando - November 10, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JK

Thank you my dear friend.

jeanne kent - November 12, 2023 at 10:59 AM

GR

*Jeanne,
I am so very sorry to hear about Jim's passing. My heart goes out to you.*

So many fun memories over the years, the shows and when you came down for the weekend. I'll always remember his wonderful smile and joking personality.

Sending you love and hugs!

Gail Roche - November 12, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JK

Thanks Gail.

jeanne kent - November 12, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SH

Jeanne, so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a great guy, always wearing that smile, and with a ready laugh. Many memories of him ringside, after helping you groom your mount, picking the winners. Sending love and many hugs!

Sheryl

Sheryl Hurley - November 12, 2023 at 03:07 PM

DV

Jeanne, so sorry to hear this! Jim was so much fun at horse shows. There will truly be a big void in your life. May you receive extra comfort from all of your 4 legged friends. Love from all of us.

Diana

Diana Vannaken - November 12, 2023 at 05:59 PM

CH

“ Uncle Jim was always a cheerful, humorous, straight to the point guy who I always loved to see as a boy and no less as I grew older. Remember all of the holidays spent Jim and my cousin Danny. I learned so much about gardening, motors, fishing, working and playing from my dear uncle. It was good to spend even a little time with him before he passed last week. Thought and prayers to the rest of the family. Having Masses offered for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Hoping for a glorious reunion one day with that beautiful family in our eternal home, heaven.



Chad Hanners - November 10, 2023 at 05:01 PM

LN

*“ I always felt terrible that I didn't know my cousin better. He always seemed quiet and kind!! I am just sick at the thought of not seeing him anymore at the Longbranch.. Val and Kat you have my heartfelt sympathy 🙏
Will we ever know what the D. In Jimmy D. was???*

Lori Naese - November 10, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JK

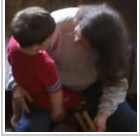
666. Damien Before The Omen.

jeanne kent - November 12, 2023 at 11:01 AM

LN

Love it... thank you Jeanne

Lori Naese - November 12, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Our most sincere condolences...there are no other words...
Brian and Carol*

Carol Schneider - November 10, 2023 at 06:41 AM

RR

R.I.P.Jim

Rick Renzi - November 10, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MA

“ *Jim was a great guy, always greeting you with
a smile and a hello! Sending thoughts and
prayers to the family.*



Megan Altmyer - November 10, 2023 at 06:16 AM

DM

“ *Jim was a great friend and neighbor and I will
miss him dearly 😞*



Donna Mertes - November 09, 2023 at 05:24 PM

KH

“*“Jimmer” as dad affectionately called him was mischievous, funny adventurous and always ready to help a friend. Like me he didn't like school and loved to be outdoors. He was a good gardener and mechanic. We got into more than our share of mischief for sure but both possess a tender heart and love of animals. We scrapped like dogs and cats but he was my big brother and I will always love him*”



Kat Hanners - November 08, 2023 at 08:58 PM

VT

Beautiful memories ❤️

Valerie Thibault - November 09, 2023 at 11:43 AM

JK

I love that picture!

jeanne kent - November 09, 2023 at 12:18 PM

TG

What a beautiful tribute. I can see both your mom and your dad in that picture!

Tom Goodman - December 06, 2023 at 01:49 PM

KK

“*Karen Kibbons lit a candle in memory of James Goodman*”



karen kibbons - November 08, 2023 at 08:44 PM

VT

“ My heart aches at the loss of our brother, Jim. We will miss him dearly. Jimmy will always remain in our hearts. Love you always❤️



Valerie Thibault - November 08, 2023 at 07:03 PM

KH

Great picture at Jim's second home at the creek.

Kat Hanners - April 02, 2024 at 09:31 PM

DL

“ My deepest sympathy to all Jim's family. Kathy & Val so glad you were able to see him when you were here. Chad & Kay & family so sorry for your loss as well.



Debra Lambert - November 08, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MS

Condolences to his wife and sisters Val and Cathy. We were good friends from 2 and or 3rd grade at St. Martin of Tours. We spent so much time fishing the Kankakee area, camping down at Gar Creek. We lost track of each after high school. He was a great friend growing up.

Mike Saindon - November 08, 2023 at 07:18 PM

JA

Jim was a great guy. Always enjoyed our lunch talks at Longbranch. He will be missed.

Jamie Hendricks

Jamie - November 08, 2023 at 08:13 PM

SS

Sorry for your loss. I worked with Jim out at Azzarelli Construction - a good man and a good mechanic. He went fishing with my Dad, my son, and I one time on a charter out of St. Joe, Michigan. The fishing wasn't the greatest, but it was a gorgeous day on the lake.

Scott Sweeney - November 08, 2023 at 08:14 PM

KA

Our deep condolences to Jim's family. Jim always had a smile, joke and a few funny as heck t-shirts! He will be so very missed at the Shuffleboard table.

Norm and Karen

Karen - November 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM