



## Charles Wm. Jameson

December 10, 1939 - April 30, 2014

ANN ARBOR – The Honorable Charles Wm. Jameson, age 74 of Adrian, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at University of Michigan Hospital in the loving arms of his family after a long battle with Wegener’s disease. He was born December 10, 1939, in Jackson, Michigan to Robert and Marie (Terry) Jameson. After graduating from Jackson High School, he attended Adrian College and went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern University Law School.

On June 16, 1962 he married Anne Rebottaro in Tecumseh, Michigan, and she survives.

Judge Jameson served as Probate Judge in Lenawee County for 12 years retiring in 2005. Prior to that, he was in private practice of law for 28 years. A 50 year member of the Michigan State Bar Association, he served in many capacities in the legal community including as President of both the Southeastern Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Lenawee County Bar Association, as well as serving as Master Judge for the State of Michigan since retirement.

Within the community, Judge Jameson served as president of the boards of The Salvation Army and the Community Action Agency, and was Chairman of the Board for the Lenawee County Democratic Party. He was a Free Mason and a Shriner with Tecumseh Lodge #69 F & AM, and was a volunteer driver who transported children to the Shriners Hospital. He was a member of North Adrian Grange and was awarded Citizen of the Year. He was also a member

of the NAACP and recipient of their Citizen of the Year Award in 2005. An active volunteer for the Salvation Army in disaster relief, Judge Jameson received the Salvation Army Citizen of the Year Award and assisted for Hurricanes Rita, Gustaf, and Ike, and also worked the fires in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He enjoyed Indy and NASCAR races and worked at turn 3 at MIS on the clean-up crew. He was a national competitor at Silver Lake Sand Dunes in his sand rail, "Sand Rail Justice." He was a pilot, hunter, and fly fisherman. As a gifted artist himself, Judge Jameson was a founder of the Lenawee County Visual Arts Association and a supporter of the Adrian Symphony Orchestra and Croswell Opera House.

He was a member of the Lenawee Country Club, Devil's Lake Yacht Club, and a 30 year member of AA.

In addition to Anne, his wife of almost 52 years, he is survived by their children: Charles Wm. Jameson II, Leigh (Henry) Jameson-Heise, Robert (Dana) Jameson, all of Adrian and Jessica (Bill) Chesser of Manitou Beach; grandchildren: Nicholas (Ashley), Amanda and Emilee Heise; Taylor, Jenika, and Chloe Jameson; and William and Jameson Chesser; great granddaughter, Kennedy Heise; brothers, Thomas (Sal) Steiner of Jackson and Gerald (Joyce) Steiner of Adrian; and step-mother, Esther Baker of Holmes Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by his father, the Honorable Robert Jameson Baker, and his mother, Marie Steiner.

Funeral services will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014, at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, with Judge Timothy Pickard and Pastor Scott Winstead presiding. Private burial will be at Brookside Cemetery. Friends may also visit the family at the funeral home on Sunday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., where a Masonic service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Judge Jameson may be directed to Shriners Hospitals c/o Wagley Funeral Home. Online condolences and memories are welcome at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
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<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Wm. Jameson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Jameson family and everyone whose lives he touched. I can not imagine your sadness after the loss of such a wonderful person. I had the honor of working with Judge Jameson as the probate research attorney when he made the long drive to Livingston County to sit as our visiting judge. His compassion and intellect were second to none. He had all of the unique skills that were required to be an excellent judge and I always looked forward to working on the cases with him. I enjoyed hearing about his family, charity work, and hobbies. It always boggled my mind how one person could be so successful in their career and personal life - but he was and he made it look easy.*

*I will never forget the time he was on the bench in the middle of the probate call when his cell phone rang. The whole courtroom was filled with the sound of "Dueling Banjos." I remember how calmly he took the phone out, turned it off and said, "That is my wife..... I like banjos." The whole courtroom erupted in laughter. He was a great role model for me and showed me how to work hard, but never take yourself too seriously. God bless you all.*

*- Barbara Hunyady, Fenton, MI*

Barbara Hunyady - May 06, 2014 at 12:36 PM

AA

“ I met Judge Jameson when I became a board member out at Maurice Spear Campus. I had no idea what to expect when I joined but I was graciously welcomed onto the Board of Directors and it truly was a pleasure getting to know him. I later found we also shared a birthday. What I'll always remember about him was how kind and gracious he was, never putting himself above me, but appreciating who I was as a person. I so appreciate the card with the words from his children as I never knew his background, but am very certain now that what he learned growing up did impact his life in such a significant manner and I am all the better for having been given the opportunity to know him. With sincere sympathy to his family, Annita Aranda



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**Annita Aranda** - May 05, 2014 at 09:16 PM

KP

“ I would like to share a couple of wonderful memories of Judge Jameson.

*In 1996 my husband and I along with our three sons adopted a perfect 5 year old timid little girl. Judge Jameson ask her what her name was. She answered very quietly "Helen". He said " Did you say Bugs Bunny?" She got really close to the microphone and yelled "No, Helen Pizana!". It appeared that the Judge was struggling whether to remain professional or burst out laughing, Again in 2001 we were blessed to be in Judge Jameson's court room for the adoption of our two youngest sons. Tristan 5 and Martel 3 were to become the newest Pizanas. The Judge remembering Helen asked for her opinion just as he asked our older 3 boys just five years earlier.*

*We still have and cherish the pictures from each event, Our family and the Judge in front of his bench.*

*What a blessing he was in our lives, he made that very special day a memorable one for all of us. His words of encouragement to my husband and me were much appreciated.*

*We were blessed to know him.*

*David and Kim Pizana*

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**Kim Pizana** - May 05, 2014 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ Judge Jameson was a man who was clear in his convictions, compassionate in his rulings , and diligent in his service.

*I was privileged to work with him as Regional Administrator for the State Court Administrative Office during his term as Probate Judge. Upon retirement, he often answered the call to serve as visiting judge when needed.*

*May his family be comforted by memories of a good and decent man.*

*Jim Hughes*

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**Jim Hughes** - May 05, 2014 at 10:01 AM

SA

“ Dear Anne, Jessica, Bill and family,  
We treasure the memories of sharing Clearwater Beach at Devil's Lake with Chuck and all of you throughout the many years. We were blessed. We hold you all close in our hearts and in our prayers and will always remember our friend and breakfast buddy.  
Tim and Sue Allshouse and family

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**Sue Tim Allshouse** - May 05, 2014 at 09:52 AM

KP

“ I spoke about Judge Jameson the other day in a session in Toledo, not knowing about this loss. Someone here in Toledo sent me a note. I have fond remembrance of being next to the Jameson Law Office, and The Judge Speaking to me in open court and asking me for wisdom. I have recollection and fondness for his words, asking juveniles under my care how they would contribute to the Lenawee community. One hot sunny day as my son was mowing my office lawn, I saw Anne walk by my office window with a turtle sundae from Frostie Boy as my son received it thankfully, and I quietly watched their interaction. My son was taken into the Jameson family simply because of his personhood. I am in grief today about this loss for Anne, Leigh, Chuck and Robert. "May the Lord bless and keep you and may his face shine upon you."

*Kenneth Cunningham, Ph.D and Family.*

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**Kenneth Cunningham, Ph.D.** - May 05, 2014 at 08:40 AM

BA

“ Barb lit a candle in memory of Charles Wm. Jameson



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**Barb** - May 05, 2014 at 08:37 AM

BA

“ I mourn the loss of my brother, Chuck. I looked up to you as your little sister all these years. I have fond memories of baking birthday cakes for you and celebrating milestones. We shared the same wonderful father and I pray that you will both be watching over me now from Heaven. My condolences to your remaining family. May you rest in peace my dear brother.

Love forever,

Your little sis,

Barbara Baker and Family

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**Barb** - May 05, 2014 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ To the Jameson family, thank you for sharing Judge Jameson with us in Livingston County. As a visiting judge, he brought wisdom and compassion to all. He truly left a lasting impact of what it means to live with integrity, honor, and devotion to family. My deepest condolences to all of you, he was a great man.

Melissa Scharrer

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**Melissa Scharrer** - May 05, 2014 at 07:51 AM

BC

“ Brad and Julie Childers purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.



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**Brad and Julie Childers** - May 04, 2014 at 10:07 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the Family. May God wrap his healing arms around you and help you thru this hard time.

*With deepest sympathy*

*Margret Borders*

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**Margret Borders** - May 04, 2014 at 09:40 PM

AM

“ My heart is saddened for the loss of Mr. J. Chuck helped me out years ago to get out of the violence and into safety. Thanks in part to him I have a good life now. I also worked with him on the Fetal Alcohol county core group. He did a lot of wonderful work in Lenawee County and will be sorely missed. The weight of the Judge position was never taken lightly, as he was too kind and compassionate for that. He was a dear friend and my prayers go out to his family. Alice McElroy

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**Alice McElroy** - May 04, 2014 at 05:45 PM

FH

“ Dear Anne,  
Your loss is a loss for us all. God bless Chuck -- and you.  
What a good man! It was always a treat when our paths crossed, and though that trout fishing trip never happened in reality, I'll confine to count him as a streamside companion. May the message of this Easter season be an abiding source of hope for you and the family. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and he says in John 6, "Whoever believes in me will have eternal life." Alleluia! Know that Chuck is in my prayer and you are too, Anne.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Tom Helfrich*

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**Fr. Tom Helfrich** - May 04, 2014 at 02:51 PM

CT

“ Offering my condolences to the Jameson family.

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**Carmelitta Tiffany** - May 04, 2014 at 08:39 AM

RJ

“ Dear Annie  
I doubt that you will remember me from the Adrian College class of 1962. However I remember Chuck to be caring, competent, honest, and a friend in the years after college. He will be deeply missed by so many of us. Our thoughts and prayers go with you and your family in your time of grief and your time of wonderful memories.

Shalom,

Rev. M. E. Walworth, Jr.

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**Rev. M. E. Walworth, Jr.** - May 04, 2014 at 08:12 AM

KG

“ Thank you Chuck Jameson for being the first stepping stone for me back in 1989 in getting my life together. It has been over 25 years now, and my life is great. My condolences Anne to you and your family. Your husband. Father and friend, will be missed.

Sincerely

Kathy Goldberg

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**Kathy Goldberg** - May 04, 2014 at 06:13 AM

WK

“ Anne, I am so saddened to learn of Chuck's passing. I am sorry that Cathy and I will not be able to be with you for services, since we are in the U.P. for a special family event. He was a good friend and an inspiration, and his service to the Probate Judge's Association was incomparable. I will particularly miss his sharing his AA life with me and being a part of my own recovery. He was very quiet about being part of the fellowship, but was there when needed. I will miss him terribly, but not nearly as much as you and your family, I know. God be with you.

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**Wally Kent** - May 03, 2014 at 12:03 PM

LC

“ What a kind and caring man. What a wonderful tribute in the paper. It isn't what you have, it is what you do with what God blessed you with. He will leave an empty spot in the hearts of those who love him. He is not gone, He is just away. Thank God for allowing our lives cross paths. Linda Chase

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**Linda Wyckoff Chase** - May 03, 2014 at 11:29 AM

 Henry Heise

“ Dad I still can't believe your gone. Thank you for showing me what it means to be a father and husband. Thank you for all the great memories we shared like going to races, car shows, hunting and fishing. Thank you most of all for treating me as your son. I miss you so much.

Love,  
Henry

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**Henry Heise** - May 03, 2014 at 06:29 AM

CB

“ Coleen Berger-Mori lit a candle in memory of Charles Wm. Jameson



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**Coleen Berger-Mori** - May 02, 2014 at 04:35 PM

DG

“ To me he will always be remembered as "Chuckie" a friend who I fished and duck hunted with for over 45 years. A friend who changed my life 25 years ago when he introduced me to AA. Thank you, Chuckie.

*Beagle*

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**David Grow** - May 02, 2014 at 03:25 PM

CS

“ Chuck`s warmth, humor and compassion for others will be greatly missed. Anne, Chuck, Leigh, Robert, Jessica and family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Carol Steiner*

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**Carol Steiner** - May 02, 2014 at 12:52 PM

JM

“ Judge, you took care of many and treated us all as your own children. I am so grateful for your protection, help, comfort, and for always watching out for me and my family. I will miss those big hugs and I am so thankful for the opportunity we had to work together at CAA.

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**Jessie Murray** - May 02, 2014 at 12:10 PM

LM

“ *Lenawee County Mission purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.*



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**Lenawee County Mission** - May 02, 2014 at 11:37 AM

KO

“ *Judge Jameson was a kind-hearted, thoughtful, considerate judge and person. He helped a great deal in Livingston County after his retirement. I am grateful to have known him. Kathy Oemke*

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**Kathleen Oemke** - May 02, 2014 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ *David Stimpson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.*



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**David Stimpson** - May 02, 2014 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.*



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May 02, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LC

“ Livingston County Probate & Circuit Court purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.



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**Livingston County Probate & Circuit Court** - May 02, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.



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May 02, 2014 at 10:15 AM

CS

“ Community Action Agency Board and Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Wm. Jameson.



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**Community Action Agency Board and Staff** - May 02, 2014 at 09:51 AM

PH

“ He was a wonderful compassionate man and we will truly miss him.

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**Patsy Hart** - May 02, 2014 at 09:37 AM

AT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We're praying for the whole family in this tough time! I also want to take a moment to thank you Mr. J for helping me out many years ago when I needed it. You had a huge heart and I appreciated all that you did for me!!! You left a lasting impression on my heart. I will miss you!!!  
Anita & Kirk Taylor

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Anita Taylor - May 02, 2014 at 09:31 AM

AT

“ Anita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Charles Wm. Jameson



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Anita Taylor - May 02, 2014 at 09:27 AM

CG

I was never fortunate to meet Judge Jameson. I have me his sons they are kind and considerate, Chuck jr. had a great effect on my life, and my sons life. A loss of a parent and a wonderful human being is difficult. You will all be in my prayers.

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Crocifissa Kristina Grillo - May 05, 2014 at 10:15 AM

LM

“ To the Jameson family, I had the pleasure of working with Judge Jameson when he accepted assignments in the Livingston County Family Court. What a wonderful judge and kind person. Truly a man of integrity and honor - it was a pleasure to have known him.

Lori Marran

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Lori Marran - May 02, 2014 at 09:14 AM

ES

*Our condolences on the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather.  
He was an amazing man and we are blessed by having known him.  
Wishing you love and peace during this time of grief.  
Brad and Elaine Stegg*

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**Elaine Stegg** - May 02, 2014 at 10:45 PM