



James "Jim" B. Hazen Jr.

December 24, 1925 - November 10, 2023

Rockford- James "Jim" B. Hazen Jr. passed away peacefully on November 10, 2023 in Rockford, MI surrounded by his family. He was just shy of his 98th birthday. Jim was born on December 24th, 1925 to James B. Hazen and Charlotte (Sabin) Hazen in Hudson, MI. Jim married Barbara Hintz on June 21, 1953, celebrating their 70th anniversary this past summer. Jim is survived by his wife Barbara and his four children, Jim (Sara), Ann (Rich), Jane (Steve) and Sally, as well as, six grandchildren and six and a half great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mary Enerson and preceded in death by his brother Richard (Dick).

Jim, a proud World War II veteran, was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart as a Sergeant in the US Army. He organized many reunions for the 100th Infantry Company G and prepared a monthly newsletter for them.

Jim graduated from Michigan State in 1949 with a degree in civil engineering. He began his career as half owner of Hazen Goodrich Construction Company. He went on to work for Kewaunee Scientific Equipment Company for 15 years in Adrian, MI before transferring to Statesville, NC with them. He retired while in Statesville and then became co-owner of Glen Eagle Manufacturing Company. Jim and Barbara returned to Adrian in 2001 and remained there until 2022.

Jim was an Adrian community leader, holding many high level posts in The American Legion, Lenawee Country Club, Rotary (Adrian and Statesville), Lenawee YMCA, and Adrian Chamber of Commerce.

Jim was noted for his sense of humor and sharp wit. He loved his family, Michigan State University, golfing, bowling nights followed by gin rummy, and a good manhattan. He was an avid woodworker. His children and grandchildren have priceless items built from the most organized workshop imaginable.

The family wishes to thank West Michigan Hospice and the loving attendants at Boulder Creek Assisted Living in Rockford, MI. Donations in Jim's name can be made to a Hospice of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Dear Barbara, Jim, Ann, Jane, and Sally,
I am Barbara (Flory) Kraning. I now live in Lindstrom, Minnesota, with my husband Max. We offer to your family our prayers and sympathy for Jim’s passing. Jim’s picture reminded me of his welcoming, fun, and friendly greetings I experienced often while living next door to your wonderful family. The eight years I was your neighbor were some of the best years of my life, and I count your family as instrumental to that fact. I appreciated then, and believe I have even a deeper appreciation now, for how Jim and Barbara gave to so many kids – the Hazen neighborhood playground! Only when we were in school did your household get a break from our bombardment of play! Jim and Barbara Hazen gave up an awful lot of quiet and peace to so lovingly provide us all with such a tremendous gift. I am forever grateful and miss you all!

Warmly yours,
Barb (Flory) Kraning

Barb Flory - January 12, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MK

“ Barb, I was so sorry to read about you losing your Jim. Please accept my sympathy to you and your family. I didn’t realize you moved last year, and hope you like your new surroundings. I miss seeing you and working with you at Bixby. Those were fun times which I really cherish...and know that I think of you every May Day



Maggie Keevan - November 28, 2023 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ Dear Barbara, Sarah sent me the news of Jim's death this morning. What a long, well-lived life he had...so many of them with you by his side! There isn't room here to write about all the memories I have of the two of you, and your family, on Stockford Dr. as neighbors, and during the many years since. I'm sorry that I didn't see the two of you again after you and I talked by phone the last time, before you move to Rockford in '22. My sympathies go to all of your family. Much love, Jean Baker.

Jean Baker - November 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ Barb, Jim, Ann, Jane & Sally,

Our sympathies on Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor; one of our favorite people.

Dave & Shelley Hickman

Dave Hickman - November 26, 2023 at 08:51 AM

PN

“ Mr. Hazen was an amazing father, husband and patriot. He will be very missed.

Patti Nakfoor - November 13, 2023 at 07:21 AM

PN

“ I remember Jim at all our thanksgiving and Christmas in Hudson so many good memories

Paul Nachtrieb - November 11, 2023 at 03:22 PM

ST

“ *We are sorry to hear of Jim Hazen. Jr 's
Passing. Our condolences to the entire family.
Bob and Sandy Trevino*

Sandy Trevino - November 11, 2023 at 11:54 AM