



## James B. Hokenson

January 14, 1959 - March 27, 2012

ADRIAN - James B. Hokenson, 53, of Adrian, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012, while enjoying the sunny, windy spring day walking with his sister.

Born January 14, 1959, he is the son of Rev. Rodney and Helen (Forsgren) Hokenson. He was a 1977 graduate of Adrian High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Albion College.

Jim worked for Arthur Anderson out of college then for Barefoot Wealth Management as a financial planner for many years.

Jim's passion for music started with a solo in his kindergarten Christmas program and moved into church choirs, Adrian High School Choir and Balladiers, the Albion College Choir, Southfield Madrigal Chorale, and the Lenawee Community Chorus. He was an avid hockey player from the age of 6 until just recently and also enjoyed snow and water sports, tennis and bike riding. He was an active member of Marble Memorial United Methodist Church in Milan.

In addition to his parents, Rodney and Helen Hokenson, of Adrian; Jim is survived by his treasured sons, Mark and Peter McCrae Hokenson of Milan, and their mother, Carol McCrae; a sister, Stina Hokenson of San Ramon, CA; brothers, Gregory (Karen) of Kalamazoo and Steven of Miami, FL; nieces,

Sarah (Eric) Therkildsen, Grace (Luke) Schneider, and Jennifer; nephew, Michael Hokenson; 5 grand nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins, uncles, aunts, and in-laws.

Services celebrating the life of Jim Hokenson will be held Monday, April 2, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marble Memorial United Methodist Church, 8 Park Street, Milan, Michigan and Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian with Reverends Gary Dawes, Christopher Brundage, Paul Benjamin, and Patricia Greene officiating. His family will receive friends at Wagley Funeral Home on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and again Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian from 2 to 3 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to "Tenderheart" for resident activities at Magnum Care, 130 Sand Creek Highway, Adrian, Michigan 49221. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

THOSE WISHING TO SING WITH CHOIR AT ADRIAN CELEBRATION MAY PRACTICE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL BEGINNING AT 1:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

## Service

APR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *James B. Hokenson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *10 files added to the album JBH*



**Steve Hokenson** - September 30, 2013 at 04:26 PM



“ *Kim Carothers lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



**Kim Carothers** - May 14, 2012 at 02:14 PM

BS

“ I am so very sorry about Jim's passing and send my condolences to the Hokenson family. I knew Jim at Albion College, where he was liked by the whole student body. Jim's kindness, gentleness and good heart were apparent in everything he did. And all the girls loved Jim because he was a genuine gentleman. Even though I hadn't seen Jim in many years, I still considered him to be a close friend and am sad knowing that he's not here with us on earth. It is a comfort to know that the separation is temporary and that he is singing praises in heaven now with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Becky Sarya Saleh** - April 22, 2012 at 03:46 PM

BR

“ Brien Ricci lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson



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**Brien Ricci** - April 09, 2012 at 10:29 AM

SD

*The deep pain that is felt at the death of every friendly soul arises from the feeling that there is in every individual something which is inexpressible, peculiar to him alone and is therefore, absolutely and irretrievably lost.*

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**sybil diction** - April 18, 2012 at 01:12 AM

CS

“ Dear Pastor Rod and Helen,

*Just wanted to reach out and express my deepest sympathy with the passing of Jim. I have many fond memories of Jim, especially at the Terrace Ice Rink back in the day. Please know that I the Hancock High School Class of 77' has been notified and Jim and yourselves are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Good Lord shine the light on Jim and may God Bless you in the days ahead. I was and am so grateful that Jim was able to attend our 30 year class reunion, let his life be a lesson to us all that we should be so grateful for each and every day the Good Lord gives us.*

*Chris Sayen  
Class of 1977*



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**Chris Sayen** - April 08, 2012 at 12:44 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the Hokenson family. I went to school with James in Hancock. R.I.P.  
Jim Sincerely Sandy (DuLong) Maki

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**Sandra Maki** - April 07, 2012 at 10:43 PM

KP

“ Kim Puuri lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson



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**Kim Puuri** - April 06, 2012 at 08:20 AM

JS

“ Jim, my former partner in Balladiers!! My thoughts and prayers are with the Hokenson family. May it be of some comfort to know that others are thinking of you and remembering you in their prayers. I have such fond memories of all of the many fun and rewarding experiences we had in and out of school, choir, and Balladiers. Love to all,  
Jan Wagley Stamps

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**Jan Stamps** - April 06, 2012 at 07:02 AM

DL

“ The Hokenson family will always be special friends with the Luciani family. I have good memories of Jim. We share your grief at this time, but also share the joy Jim's life brought and rejoice that he lived. God bless all of you. - Doug Luciani

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**Doug Luciani** - April 06, 2012 at 06:05 AM



“ Just learned about Jim's passing today. Pastor, Helen, Chris, Greg and Steve - I have great memories of our youth when you were serving at Gloria Dei in Hancock. I too enjoyed our lunch at the Ambassador in 2007 and did not know it would be our last time to see Jim. Bless you all during this difficult time, the peace that passes all understanding is being called in for you to help you navigate this transition. Love and prayers, Vicki Hill Usitalo

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April 05, 2012 at 03:53 PM



Thanks for your prayers and love. ::steve

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**Steve Hokenson** - September 30, 2013 at 05:42 PM

PH

“ Dear Hokenson Family,

*Our sincerest sympathies to you all on Jim's passing. His energy, kindness, and sparkle will remain in our hearts always. May sweet memories comfort you....*

*Lovingly,*

*Pam (Wagley) Henry and Family*

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**Pam Henry** - April 04, 2012 at 09:38 PM

MC

“ *It is sad to hear of Jim's passing. I will remember him as a fellow trombone player, Balladier and friend. I saw Jim with his dad last fall at First UMC and it brought back a lot of memories. I am so glad I was able to re-connect in even that limited fashion. Jim is with his Savoir and is at a peace that passes all understanding in this life.*

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**Mark Casper** - April 04, 2012 at 04:34 PM



“ *Pastor Rod & Helen, one of my favorite memories of Jim was when he came up to the MTU Hockey School, after you has moved from Hancock. We had such a great time! I am so glad we invited him to our 30th high school reunion in 2007. Remember we met at the Ambassador for lunch? That's when Jim told me he was still playing hockey. May God hold you in the Palm of His Hand during this difficult time. Jim will forever remain in our hearts!*



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April 04, 2012 at 10:06 AM



*Thank you, dear hockey player. You were part of giving Jim a skill that would bring him so many years of joy, fun, and friends. keep passing that puck in Jim's and your honor! - Stina, Jim's sis*

**Stina Hokenson** - May 02, 2012 at 03:08 PM



*Jim Hokenson was one of the first people I met as a freshman at Albion College. We were in the same group during freshman introduction week. He was a burst of energy, good hockey player, enthusiastic RA and friend. Every year I would run in the Turkey Trot for Delta Tau Delta because Jim would ask me to support his team. -- Lorie Pomeroy,*

**Lorie Pomeroy** - October 29, 2012 at 07:28 PM



“ *JoAnn Penny lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



**JoAnn Penny** - April 04, 2012 at 09:20 AM

“ Today Jim Hokinson a close friend from high school shall be laid to rest. Jim was a very religious person and loved by all who knew him. Jim in high school was like the rest of us in the Concert Choir loved music whether it is classical or pop etc. I enjoyed Jim’s friendship in and out of the choir or school. Jim with another very close friend Joe Edwards was a very good hockey player’s during those days and I loved following them through there seasons but his passion was really music like most of us. Being in the choir was something special for all of us, it was different and extremely hard to put into words other then it was special at least to me. Everyone in the choir were all very talented individuals when it came to singing music all had very special voices in some way or another. It was fun, exciting, entertaining, it made you feel a part of something special and it was one of the highlight of my school years’ experience and Jim was right in the middle of it.. As a conductor to the choir Wayne Shaw was just brilliant we recorded an album, traveled to Traverse City and did some performances and had the luxury to attended Interlock Academy and performed in front a great deal of people throughout the years. My senior year the choir was invited to travel Europe and do some performances. The choir did performances in front different types of groups and did acts like George M but Wayne was a different kind of conductor at least to me. He made it all always fun. But then there was Jim’s family who were very involved in everything we did as a choir and it was great. The Mizz was like the concert choir den mother and the Rev. Rodney was the spiritual guidance to us all. They were there for us all no matter who you were. It was the Hokinson way! My heart goes out to this very close loving family. I cannot even imagine the pain of losing a child, a brother or the thought of what their emotions are while losing Jim. I personally know he will be a big loss to a great many people as well as to his family. Today I said this prayer while I lite a candle in Jim’s honor. “And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:15)” Bible quotes. Rest in Peace Jim! Pat Espinoza

**Patrick Espinoza** - April 04, 2012 at 09:12 AM

TF

“ *The Watson Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James B. Hokenson.*



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**The Watson Family** - April 04, 2012 at 08:23 AM

SB

“ *Steve Brown lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Steve Brown** - April 03, 2012 at 10:16 PM

JR

“ *Janet Rearick lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Janet Rearick** - April 03, 2012 at 08:18 PM

CK

“ Jim, we (fellow residents) miss you here at Magnum. You must have finally found the way to go Home. Daily we looked forward to see how far you would get in your attempts to leave. In your mind, like the rest of us, you were looking back at the good memories of the past and trying to regain them. But as the man wrote, “You can’t go home again.” We can’t again have the family, home, job and interests of the past. I’m encouraged by the thought that you have gone ahead into the “Undiscovered Country” and are waiting for the rest of us to follow. (Have you figured out how the Pearly Gates work yet, like you did with the facility doors? J )

Your roommate  
Charlie

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**Charles Paul Keller** - April 03, 2012 at 08:10 PM

JW

“ Jo Linda (Cutler) White lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson



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**Jo Linda (Cutler) White** - April 03, 2012 at 06:50 PM

LB

“ Lorretta Budzyn lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson



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**Lorretta Budzyn** - April 03, 2012 at 03:58 PM

FE

“ *Faythe Emens lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Faythe Emens** - April 03, 2012 at 03:17 PM

JF

“ *Jodie Fenstemacher lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Jodie Fenstemacher** - April 03, 2012 at 02:52 PM

ES

“ *Elizabeth Sanchez lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Elizabeth Sanchez** - April 03, 2012 at 02:32 PM

DF

“ *My dear God Parents, In addition to the grief of the sad news of Jim's passing is the sorrow that I cannot join you at this time. I pray that God will touch you and soften the pain with the remembrance of the joys Jim brought in life and the comfort and peace he finds in heaven. We never stop missing our loved ones who have passed, but the raw edge of grief dulls over time, with God's help and the love of our family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I pray that God will be with you and grant you peace. With my love and condolences, Dave Forsgren*

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**Dave Forsgren** - April 03, 2012 at 01:49 PM

SW

“ *I didn't have a chance to get to know Jim very well, but I always remember him as an aspiring base singer in Lenawee Community Chorus. We created beautiful harmony together and he sure will be missed.*

*Satoko Willgus from Lenawee Community Chorus*

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**Satoko Willgus** - April 03, 2012 at 01:27 PM

AS

“ *Jim was a much loved friend at Albion College....so full of joy and love. He lit up whatever room he entered, the angels must be wearing sunglasses about now!  
I'm so sorry for the pain his family has and is experiencing. I pray you find comfort in the happy memories.  
Anne Cooksey Sherman*

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**Anne Sherman** - April 02, 2012 at 09:54 PM

EB

“ Dear Hokenson Family -

*I was so sorry to hear the news about Jim today from my sister-in-law Jean (Miller) Aldrich. Years in choir and fun with Jim and Stina are the best I can remember! My heart is terrifically sad today. I know he is with God and that is the only rest that can come to my soul right now hearing this news. Please know I am thinking of all of you. The last we all were together - Jim and Stina talked of my childhood home (and yours for a time too) on Dallas Street - the stairs that went no where, the ghosts and other shared experiences. :) My prayers, thoughts and only warm wishes are with all of you. Jim...the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace. I can hear you singing it!  
Emily (Aldrich) Barbour*

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**Emily Aldrich Barbour** - April 02, 2012 at 11:57 AM

JK

*Dear Hokenson Family, Our deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. Life can be a struggle but so many blessings and grace are found along the way. I know that you experienced God's abundant mercy and love throughout Jim's life. Our prayers are with you .....and Jim....you made it!*

*Bill and Judy Kohn*

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**Judy Kohn** - April 03, 2012 at 05:45 PM

AM

“ Dear Rod, Helen, Stina and Steve

*I was so sorry to hear this news. Know that my thoughts are with your family at this sad and yet celebratory time. Jim has gone on to better adventures and you now have the opportunity to celebrate with your friends and family the many wonderful memories that you will always have of your time with Jim.*

*Alyce Mott, New York City, April 1, 2012*

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**Alyce Mott** - April 01, 2012 at 09:06 PM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. Hokenson.



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April 01, 2012 at 07:42 PM

RH

“ Rodney D. Hokenson lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson



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**rodney d. hokenson** - April 01, 2012 at 01:02 PM



“ *C. Daniel lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**C. Daniel** - March 31, 2012 at 04:38 PM

RD

*thanks Daniel, you would have loved him, sorry you never met him. He began to die in Stina's care on a walk around the Care Center, the sun on his hair and the wind at his back, like a true outdoorsman with his boots on. May the Lord welcome him on the other side.*

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**rod hokenson, dad** - April 01, 2012 at 01:29 PM

JD

“ *I will always treasure when you called us in florida for our 50th wedding anniversary and sang to us. we loved to hear you sing. we know you are singing now in heaven. love Elgin and Joanne*

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**joanne Darling** - March 31, 2012 at 01:00 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Frederick lit a candle in memory of James B. Hokenson*



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**Kathy Frederick** - March 30, 2012 at 04:41 PM

JL

*I celebrate Jim's life today. As a result of knowing Jim, I came to know My Savior Jesus Christ who lives and longs to share His love and comfort with all of us. My prayers and love go out to all of Jim's family and all my fellow Albion Classmates who mourn his departure. Julie Byrwa Vander Linde*

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**Julie Byrwa Vander Linde** - March 30, 2012 at 06:11 PM

DG

*I loved to hear you sing and see how you loved singing as well.  
--Dave Guldin*

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**David Guldin** - March 31, 2012 at 01:57 PM