



James "Jim" Jr. Onsted

July 28, 1936 - April 20, 2025

HOWARD CITY- James "Jim" Jr. Onsted, age 88, formerly of Adrian, MI, passed into the arms of the Lord on April 20, 2025.

He was born in Somerset, MI on July 28, 1936, to James M and Florence (Allen) Onsted. He attended Adrian High School, graduating with the Class of 1954. Jim joined the United States Army 2nd Armored Division in 1955 and served his country until 1958.

Jim married the love of his life, Jean M. Obenour on July 28, 1959. Together they raised five children - James, Kathy, David, Steven, and Teresa. Jim attended the Police Academy through the University of Michigan and worked for the Adrian City Police Department for 33 years, until his retirement in 1994. During his time with the department, Jim was on the Police Department's competition shooting team, winning many awards throughout the years.

Jim was a Boy Scout troop leader for his three sons and enjoyed being on a bowling league for many years. Later in life, Jim took up golf and played many entertaining rounds on the golf course. Jim was also a gifted wood worker, spending countless hours in his basement workshop creating many beautiful pieces of furniture and curios.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Jean M. (Obenour) of Howard

City, MI; sons, James P. Onsted of Clinton, MI, David P. (Cathy) Onsted of Adrian, MI and daughter Teresa M. (David) Zarnosky of Howard City, MI; his sister, Carolyn North of Rockford, IL; 11grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James and Florence Onsted; sister, Winifred Onsted; daughter, Kathy J. Howard and son, Steven L. Onsted.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Jasper Bible Church with Rev. Bruce Jewett officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service. Cremation will follow and inurnment will occur at a later date at Onsted Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jasper Bible Church
8230 S Adrian Hwy
Jasper, MI 49248-9787
(517) 436-3165

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Jr. Onsted.*



April 30, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *The first time I met Jim was when Jim and Jean, with their first little one, came to visit our family in Roaring Spring, PA. My dad had tried to help me with my junior high algebra, but I was struggling.*

Jim offered to help me. I was so afraid of Jim that I had trouble concentrating on the math. Jim told me I did understand the algebra, and I was doing a great job. I never did believe him.

When I was 20 and our family was living in Ohio, Jim came to tell me there was an opening for a weekend police dispatcher in Adrian.

I applied and was accepted. That led to a full-time dispatching job at the Lenawee County Sheriff's Office and then to marrying a deputy. God used Jim to make a big difference in my life.

I love you, Jim!

Linda Roth - April 28, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of Jim's death. It was a privilege to have known Jim.*

Frank & Donna Riley

Frank and Donna Riley - April 25, 2025 at 08:36 AM

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“ Love, Debbie, Floyd, Phil, Steve, Sandi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James "Jim" Jr. Onsted.



Love, Debbie, Floyd, Phil, Steve, Sandi - April 23, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ Love, Debbie, Floyd, Phil, Steve, Sandi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Jr. Onsted.

Love, Debbie, Floyd, Phil, Steve, Sandi - April 23, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ I remember Mr. Onsted as a kid from back in the day. My dad was an Adrian police officer as well, Bob Sharp. Those sure were the days. RIP Mr. Onsted. Kim Sharp Novak

Kim Sharp Novak - April 23, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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Jim and Jean were the first people I met when I started attending Jasper Bible Church, they knew my parents and related different stories of them to me.

They were always dressed for the holiday, and made a very cute couple.

I drove Jean to Ann Arbor one day for her to have a medical procedure, Jim came along with us, Jean gave him strict instructions to take me out to lunch. After dropping Jean off, I told Jim he didn't need to take me to lunch, he let me know that he did whatever Jean wanted and we were going to lunch. We went to the Bob Evans near by. As we ate, Jim told me many experiences he had while on the Adrian Police Department. He had a good sense of humor and I enjoyed our little time together, as he told many stories. It was obvious Jean was the love of his life.

I am so honored to have known Jim, and Jean, such a sweet couple. I am sure Jim is with our Lord.

My deepest sympathy to Jean and family.

Fran Landwehr - May 01, 2025 at 04:55 PM