



James "Jim" E. Raper

July 24, 1975 - June 7, 2026

HUDSONVILLE- James "Jim" E. Raper of Hudsonville, MI, passed away suddenly at the age of 50 on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at his home.

Jim was born on July 24, 1975, in Adrian, MI, the son of Hew and Anita (Frederick) Raper. He excelled in school and graduated as Valedictorian from Madison High School in 1993. Jim went on to attend Grand Valley State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business.

Being well organized and not afraid to tackle any project came in handy for Jim as he was a manager in the commercial business field. Jim enjoyed hunting with his dad for many years, especially going out on Thanksgiving Day together. Jim loved football season and was an avid BAMA fan! You could also count on him to be rooting for that other team from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was fond of old movies and could watch them for hours.

Jim's proudest role was that of father to his children, Evan James and Wyatt Rose, who were the light and love of his life. He treasured the time he spent with them from learning to braid Wyatt's hair, playing video games, making memories at the park, playing ball with Evan or riding bikes.

Jim will be missed by all that knew and loved him. In addition to his children, Evan and Wyatt, Jim is survived by his mother, Anita Frederick; sisters, Sonya

Kerns, Becky (Chris) Raper and Lori (Dean) Thompson; stepmother, Kim Raper; and loving aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Hew Don Raper; and grandparents, Glaney and Lois Raper and Rufus and Luella Frederick.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the care of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I worked with Jim for many years at Pipp Mobile Systems in Walker, MI. He was so sweet to me. We would talk a lot about hunting. At our Christmas parties he would always come over and sit and talk with my husband and me. Breaks my heart to hear of his passing. I will always remember you. RIP. Your friend: Debbie Lang

Debbie Lang - June 11 at 02:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" E. Raper.



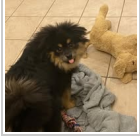
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LT

“ Leaf Home Bath team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" E. Raper.



Leaf Home Bath team - June 10 at 07:37 PM



“ I met Jimmy when I moved to Adrian in the 7th grade. I only knew Jimmy as a child from the age of 12 to 18 but I want his family to know that he was always so kind to me. Jimmy was one of my first school girl crushes. He was so smart, the smartest kid I knew! He was kind and respectful to everyone around him. Jimmy was smart, athletic, kind and so cute. I'm glad I knew him! To his family I send my deepest condolences.

Lisa Rhody - June 10 at 07:17 PM

RS

“ I worked with and became great friends with Jim while he was at Pipp. I will forever be grateful for the kindness that he always showed and knowledge he shared. His sense of humor, once you figured it out, was the best! He always knew just what to say and when to say it. I'll miss hearing "I'm proud of ya, kid." even though we're the same age. The news of his passing is heartbreaking for so many of us. My deepest sympathies to the family! ❤️ May you rest well, Jimmy Dean.

-Your Rae Rae

Rachel Scholz - June 10 at 01:08 PM

ST

“ Worked with Jim for the past two years. I will always remember Jim for being a kind and gentle soul. Just an all around good guy. He will be missed greatly.

Steve - June 10 at 10:12 AM

CH

“ Anita, Sonya, Becky, and Lori, My sincere sympathies to all of you and to Jimmy's children. I am so very sorry. ❤️

Connie Hayes - June 09 at 09:18 PM

LH

“ Extending our sincerest condolences from the Leaf Home team. Jim was a beloved team member & will be missed tremendously. We send our love & support to Jim's family.

Leaf Home - June 09 at 02:04 PM

DE

“ Anita, Sonya, Becky and Lori
I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have many fond memories of Jim while at Madison
My deepest sympathies
Respectfully Deb Dusseau

DebDusseau - June 09 at 12:46 PM

MW

“ I wish for the Lord's comfort & healing to all of James' loved ones.
God bless you all. Michele Wharry



Michele Wharry - June 09 at 12:12 PM