



James McClenathen

May 11, 1934 - February 6, 2012

BLISSFIELD – James L. McClenathen, 77, of Blissfield, passed away Monday, February 6, 2012, at his home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Lenawee.

James was born May 11, 1934, in Ogden Center, Michigan, the only son of Fred and Euenia (Baker) McClenathen. He was a 1952 graduate of Blissfield High School and took agricultural courses at Michigan State University. From 1954 to 1956, Jim served in the Army.

On March 22, 1997, Jim married Patricia “Patty” Galliver in Frankenmuth, and she survives.

For the majority of his life, Jim was a farmer. He also had a tool and die business, J & A Custom Machines, which he started at the farm. Jim was a gifted wood worker, making many beautiful pieces of furniture. He enjoyed gardening and bird watching. Family and friends looked forward to receiving homemade chocolate caramel pretzels that Jim loved to share.

In addition to Patty, Jim’s wife of 14 years, he is survived by their children: Dawn (David) Cox of Ottawa Lake; Dean McClenathen of Jasper; Joel (Sarah) Wright of Lake Villa, IL; and Jenny Koehler of Gaylord; seven grandchildren, Jacob, Sarah, Jessica, James, Taylor, Jake, and Sydney; and one great grandson, Malakhai; sisters, Vivian (William) Krouse of Clayton; Joyce Whitman of California; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service for Jim will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10,

2012, at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield with Rev. John Kottke officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and again on Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Jim may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. You may also send condolences to the family at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ James McClenathen

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“ Sending the family my sincere condolences on the loss of Jim. He was a terrific person. While working at Custom Machines Jim made every day special.

He will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Laurie Crandall##imported-end##

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