



# James J Wright

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**P**aris - James J. Wright, 84, of Paris, passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital.

He was born July 10, 1936, the youngest of nine children of Guy and Gladys (LaVallee) Wright. Jim lived in Newaygo County most of his life, and attended the Big Jackson School. On October 2, 1953, he married Marie Howell, and they have lived in Barton Township since.

For many years, Jim worked for Van-Ess Pipeline, and then for Buskirk's Trucking. He took his love for driving on the road to the 4-Winns Boat Co. of Cadillac until retiring. However, the need to keep rolling down the road led to a part-time job with Voelker Implements delivering equipment. His social nature made this an ideal job for Jim, as it provided him an opportunity to interact with the customers, of which many were friends and neighbors.

Known for his firm handshake and friendly smile, Jim was a hard-working, honest man of great integrity. He loved his family, especially delighting in his grand- and great-grandchildren., and shared his love of horses with them. They were always left in awe of how he could jump from the ground to the saddle with one effortless leap! Jim is survived by his wife Marie; two daughters, Deb (John) Currie of Rodney, and Dana Wright of Livonia; two sons, Jerry of Reed City, and John (Tina) of Paris; daughter-in-law Jane Wright; his sister Ruthann Lutjens of Cadillac; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his son James B., daughter-in-law Nancy, sister Sophia, and brothers Elmer, Guy, Walter, Harvey, Kenny, and Harold.

Memorial services for Jim will be announced for a later date. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Meceola Currie Comfort House. Care and arrangements are entrusted to the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at [mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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LD

**Laurie Drews** posted:

Truly a great guy. Always a wave always a smile always a few words. Losing someone you love is so hard. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all.

November 13 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Roxanne And Jamie Sundquist** posted:

We are sorry to hear about Uncle Jimmy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

November 8 at 8:00 PM

GB

**Gary And Jodi Benedict** posted:

Was saddened to hear that Jim had passed. We have had hellos, waves, and quick chit-chats with him over the years. Going to miss his happy smile.

November 7 at 8:00 PM

CP

**Cheryl Porter** posted:

You were a good man Uncle Jim and will be missed by many. You will forever be in my heart.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

CR

**Cheryl And Rick Rasmussen** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

TC

**Trudi Clark** posted:

Uncle Jim, thank you for freely sharing your life . You left some very big shoes to fill! You and my Dad were great examples of what a Man, a Father, and an Uncle should be. I will miss you greatly !

November 5 at 8:00 PM



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BS

**Barb Spaugh** posted:

So sorry. Prayers of peace and comfort to all.

November 5 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Sophia Wallace** lit a candle in honor of James.

Uncle Jim always greeted you with a smile and was happy to see you. His joy was contagious. He was a great man and will be dearly missed♥️.

November 5 at 8:00 PM



DC

**Don & Marie Cross** lit a candle in honor of James.

We are very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family

November 5 at 8:00 PM



JK

**Jennifer Knowles** lit a candle in honor of James.

Thoughts and prayers for you and your family Dana. Love ya!Jenni

November 4 at 8:00 PM



EH

**Emily Hillman** posted:

Keeping the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. I'm praying for peace and comfort.I remember every time I saw Jim he was so welcoming and genuinely happy to see me a long with his grandkids. He was always SO happy! Such a wonderful man.May

November 4 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Sharon Metcalf** lit a candle in honor of James.

Uncle Jimmy was always smiling and never complained he was such a kind person who will be greatly missed by many, RIP Uncle Jimmy

November 4 at 8:00 PM





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KS

**Kipp Saathoff** posted:

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending tons of virtual big hugs.

November 4 at 8:00 PM

CV

**Claudette Vogel** posted:

So sad to hear of Mr. Wright's passing. He lived a good and rewarding life. Deb and family my heart goes out to you.

November 4 at 8:00 PM

TH

**Tracy Hatchew** posted:

One of the good guys! Truly a vacancy left in the world that can't be filled. Thinking of all of you! His spirit will live on forever in our hearts.

November 4 at 8:00 PM



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