



# James Bryan Bowman

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**B**ig Rapids - James Bryan Bowman, 78, of Big Rapids, passed away Friday, April 23, 2021, at his residence.

He was born May 24, 1942, in Big Rapids, the son of Robert B. and Anna M.

(Greenfield) Bowman and graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1960. On September 29, 1962, he married his childhood sweetheart Rebecca Bark.

For many years, Jim worked as a welder for Pipefitters Local #190. He was a devoted member of the Chippewa Lake Community Church. An avid outdoors-man, Jim enjoyed golfing, fishing, trapping, and hunting especially for racoons. He taught his children to ski in their youth, and loved spending time with his grand- and great-grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife Beck; daughter Jamie (Kevin) Schroeder of Holland; son John (Melissa) of Rodney; grandchildren Jarred Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman, Jacquelyn (Nick) Hibma, and Bryan Schroeder; great-grandchildren Remington, Kimber, Emma, Karli, Arianna, Anthony, Naomi, and Nolan; 3 sisters, Gloria (Dale) Weeks, Barbara (Bob) Huttinga, and Mary (Mike) Bowerfind; his brother Robert (Marla) Bowman; many nieces and nephews; his adopted angel Shannon Crame, and his lifelong friend Willie Finney.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with his friend and Pastor Roger Bennett officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Plains Cemetery in Colfax Township. Jim's family will greet friends at the funeral home beginning at 11 00 a.m. on Wednesday. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Chippewa Lake Community Church, or the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at [mohnkefuneralhome.com](http://mohnkefuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JH

**Janice Halstead** posted:

Prayers for the family. He will be dearly missed by many. Grateful I had a chance to meet him and will treasure my beautiful jewelry box forever.

April 25 at 8:00 PM

DK

**Debi And Tim Knopf** posted:

Sending heartfelt condolences to the family.

April 25 at 8:00 PM

BJ

**Billy And Patty Jones** lit a candle in honor of James.

Beck, Jamie, John and families. We are so sorry to hear that Jim passed. We are out of town and unable to attend Jim's funeral. Our thoughts and prayer are with each of you, as you deal with your loss. Much Love is being sent your way!!!



April 25 at 8:00 PM

LV

**Luann Vanbuskirk** posted:

I will always treasure the unforgettable memory of Uncle Jim saving my life! I was in elementary school doubled over in the worst pain of my life, bawling in the principles office. For whatever reason Uncle Jim came running into Eastwood School, scooped

April 25 at 8:00 PM

SC

**Sandra Crandall** posted:

We are so sad to learn of Jim's passing. What a great guy. We will be forever grateful for the many good memories & of his time showing how a real welder does it! God Bless & know we are lifting you all in Prayer.

April 25 at 8:00 PM

DJ

**Diane Johnson** posted:

So sorry for your families loss. He was a very special person and such a character. I will always remember him at Grace and Manual's. Keep your memories close..

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**Shannon Crame** lit a candle in honor of James.

I didnt know tough until I met you!! T hank you for all you have tought me it will always be remembered!! I will miss you until we meet again!! All my love your angel

April 24 at 8:00 PM



BT

**Brandy Taylor** posted:

Jim was a wonderful man. I have such wonderful memories from my youth and young adult life of him. Beck and him were the ones who taught me to play euchre and poker. He will be missed. Prayers for Aunt Beck and his family.

April 24 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mary Bowman** posted:

My beloved brother, so adventurous and fun-loving, so caring and family devoted, so talented and Godly driven, with enduring strength and patience who I look so forward to meeting at those pearly white gates. Your memories are in my heart until we meet ag

April 24 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Deb Patterson** posted:

I remember going snowmobiling with Jim and Becky. Jim was in the lead and we were just flying along. All of a sudden Jim and Beck weren't anywhere in sight. Come to find out they had gone over an edge that dropped off. Stupid us we all just follow

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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