



Mr. James Robert Thurmond

September 13, 1953 - July 22, 2010

Mr. James (Jim) Robert Thurmond, affectionately referred to as "Nimmers" departed this life July 22, 2010. Jim lost his battle with cancer surrounded by his daughter Trina and other family members. Jim was born September 13, 1953 in Mt. Pleasant Iowa, son of Robert and Doris Thurmond. Jim was a self employed concrete finisher for many years. He was later employed at the Holiday Inn as Maintenance Supervisor until his retirement. Jim enjoyed his years there and embraced the many good friends that he acquired while there. Jim enjoyed hunting, playing his guitar and gardening. Jim was very passionate about his garden and gardening skills and loved to share his work with others. Jim was always in the ready to help anyone in need when asked or not, a great friend to all. Jim was a ace at practical jokes and no one was spared! He loved to take any of the children in his life on nature walks and share his knowledge with them. He also would do "fun" things with the children, such as, drive the riding lawn mower or sit on his lap while "driving" the car. Jim will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, his best friend and brother in law Bob and friend Ken. Jim leaves to cherish his memory, his loving daughter Trina, girlfriend Sharon, grandchildren, Deanna, Kayla-Bayla, Jacob, Lily and Somer, 6 sisters, 2 brothers and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Robert Thurmond



Harper Funeral Home - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. James Robert Thurmond

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. James Robert Thurmond

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I loved Uncle Jim so much. But I cannot see anyway that anyone who met him couldn't. His was a truly good, kind, and happy soul. Uncle Jim lived in pain for many years, and only a few knew and wondered how his smile never waivered. I know in my heart and soul that he is smiling and talking at dad right now. This loss is tremendous for us. But he is no longer in pain or fear of tomorrow, and he is with his best friend and his beloved parents. I miss you Uncle Jim. -Dinie##imported-begin##Dianna McMunn##imported-end##

August 03, 2010 at 05:33 PM



“ Well Jim, you wore many different hats throughout my life. One as an "uncle", one as a father in law, another one as a teacher, another as a party buddy, but the hat that meant the most is the one that you wore always, as MY FRIEND. We always had so much fun together. I love you "Uncle Jim", and will always miss you.....Richie###imported-begin##Richard Hopper###imported-end##

July 31, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ We will miss you Jim , love Robin###imported-begin##Robin Hopper###imported-end##

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“ It has been a week since you left your earthly body of pain and suffering. You often said that nobody knew how much you hurt. All of that suffering is gone now, and I hope you are in a peaceful place. It's hard to believe that you won't be coming home anymore. I thank you for all the knowledge you passed along over the years on all our "fix-it" projects. You always said "don't be in a hurry, slow down and do it the right way". You usually were right, but that "don't be in a hurry" sure could stretch things out!
You were a good person who would give a hand to anyone in need, and often did.
My kids and grandkids grew to love you and miss you as well. You will always have a special place in my heart. I love you.
Sharon###imported-begin##Sharon Petkoff###imported-end##

July 29, 2010 at 08:36 AM



“ There's know words that can express how I feel, My best friend,My hunting buddy,He was everything to me Jim showed me the way He showed me how to make a living doing something he sometimes injoyed Concrete Flatwork I'm going to carry on for as long as I can in honor of My Brother and best friend Jim thank you for 51 years of friendship. I love and will always miss you. Brother RON##imported-begin##Ronald Gustum##imported-end##

July 25, 2010 at 08:53 AM