



James Michael Abraham

November 22, 1930 - June 21, 2018

James Michael Abraham, more affectionately known as Pap, age 87, passed peacefully at his home in Utica, Michigan on June 21, 2018. James is the beloved husband of 58 years to the late Helen Smith Abraham (nee Sim); the loving father of Dolores "Dolly" (Edward) Gorczyk, Lorraine (John) Taylor, and MaryEllen Renne "Mer"; the cherished grandfather of Elizabeth (Christopher) Felkamp, Andrew (Victoria) Gorczyk, Amanda Chilcoat, Caitlin Taylor, Jonah Ings, Jordan Ings, and MacKenzie Ings; the dear great-grandfather of Caroline and Benjamin Gorczyk; the loving brother of Paul Abraham, Joan Myers, and the late Dan Abraham.

Pap was a faithful disciple of Christ. His love and devotion to family was a living testimony and shining example of his Christ-like character. Pap's kindness and selfless attitude towards others, dedication and commitment to his church family and their ministries, an old fashion gospel hymn sing, and a good clean joke are only a small example of who this Godly man was. Pap would always encourage everyone to stay close to God.

Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A private family ceremony will be held this summer at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan to honor James' military service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Oregon United Methodist

Church, 2971 German Road, Colombiaville, Michigan 48421. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Lorraine John & family....Ed and I never met your Pap but heard stories and always knew when he came to town to visit. You are so lucky to have had this time with your Dad. These are memories that you will cherish and relive in your hearts until you are reunited. And what a glorious day that will be. Your faith and these memories will keep you smiling. This is something I know for sure!*
Love you both,
Dale & Ed

T DALE MONROE - August 07, 2018 at 12:43 PM

LJ

“ *What a wonderful father Pap was !! John and I were thrilled when he would come to Virginia for extended visits. Spending memorable times with him at the beach in Sandbridge, eating lots of turkey leftovers during Thanksgiving and watching all the college football games during December and into the New Year. Dad was funny and kind - he became friends with so many of our friends - he was always up for a new adventure - including tours at the Science museum, going down an ice slide at the Rudolph the Reindeer sculpture show and eating chili cheese dogs at Hard Times Café. He loved his family - he was always saying how proud he was of his grandchildren - and loved to skype with his great grandchildren. Dad - you will be greatly missed - give mom a big hug from us !! We'll be together one fine day - Love Lorraine & John*

Lorraine & John - July 13, 2018 at 12:08 PM

MH

“ I have many wonderful memories of Jim over the past 12 years as his pastor and friend. His helpful and encouraging ways were a blessing to many. After he moved from this area I loved it when he visited and regardless of the worship agenda we added "Victory In Jesus" so he could lend his booming voice to our efforts. Jim's final victory is won.

Marybelle Haynes, Pastor, Oregon United Methodist Church

Marybelle Haynes - June 28, 2018 at 12:39 PM

ML

“ We are so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to see all of you smiling and sharing hugs when you met in church for the service. His love for all of you is a memory you will have In your hearts forever. Our prayers go out to you, Mer, and your family. Kirk, Mary, and Andrew Lawson

Mary Lawson - June 25, 2018 at 09:27 PM

GK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. God be with you.

Greg and Kathy Kamlay

Gregory Kamlay - June 25, 2018 at 12:12 PM

SP

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Gary, Suzy, & Greg Palmer

Suzy Palmer - June 25, 2018 at 09:45 AM

GE

“ My sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jim. He was a blessing. I loved his easy laugh and wonderful smile. His love and pride for his family was apparent in his attitude and our conversations. He will be missed. I will keep you all in prayer during this difficult time. God be with you.

Grace Epperson

Grace Epperson - June 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM

RC

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Jim's family. i miss seeing you come to UUMC each Sunday morning, carrying a large cup from McDonalds, his Sunday morning ritual for MER. It is an honor and a privilege to know you. The smile you offered to all you saw will be carried forever in our heart

Bob & Patsy Clark

Robert Clark - June 25, 2018 at 09:06 AM

CM

“ We feel so blessed to have known Jim and counted him as a good friend. We spent many days in Florida talking, eating and laughing. Even though we hadn't seen him in a while, we talked 3 or 4 times a year. He was such a kind and pleasant man. We loved him and felt very bad when we heard of his passing but feel comforted that he is with his beloved Helen whom he missed badly.

Our condolences to his family.

*Ray & Carole Magnifico
New Jersey*

Carole Magnifico - June 24, 2018 at 02:27 PM

GB

“ I will dearly miss seeing Brother Jim sitting in his preferred pew at UUMC on Sunday mornings but I am joy filled knowing he is with the Lord and his beloved. A great man and the head of a great family. Absent from the body and present with the Lord, praise God Brother Jim! Until we meet again!

From Gospel of John, Chapter 14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Gerry Bryce

Gerry Bryce - June 24, 2018 at 11:16 AM

MA

“ I find it difficult to believe I will never again talk with my favorite Uncle Jim again. He always had a smile and a kind word. You are with Aunt Helen now Uncle Jim. You will be missed, but you will never be forgotten.

Our sincerest condolences to Dolores, Lorraine, Mary Ellen and their families.

God speed. Love always, Mike and Kathy Abraham.

Mike Abraham - June 22, 2018 at 04:31 PM

WD

“ *Our deepest sympathy. What a wonderful man . . . husband, father and grandfather. He had a deep and abiding faith in Jesus and lived his life devoted to his family. He leaves a profound legacy to every life he touched. Our love, Bill and Nancy Donahue*

William Donahue - June 22, 2018 at 01:34 PM