



## James A. Keesee

September 18, 1931 - April 27, 2011

James A. Keesee, age 79, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away April 27, 2011 at his home. He was born September 18, 1931 in Mound City, IL. Mr. Keesee loved singing at church, reading and studying the Bible and sharing the Gospel of Grace. He loved traveling to Port Huron and visiting family in South Fulton, TN and Fulton, KY. He is survived by his children, Aja Keesee, Michael Tammy Keesee, Ruth Jack Dusaj, Bryan Keesee and Vera Sean Smiley; grandchildren, Marius Padieu, Jamal, Olivia, Jacob, Justin and Jenna; great grandchildren, Gabrielle, Justina, Brianca, Jamal Jr., Sade, Shequoia, Keneisha, Marius, Marrzel and Markayla; and great-great grandchildren, Nino and Manuel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Mae Keesee; parents, Albert Fredrick and Edith Keesee; and siblings, Pete and Addie. A memorial service will be held at Grace Fellowship Church, 2865 Oakwood Blvd., Melvindale, Michigan, 48122 on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ There is so much I could share about Uncle Jimmy, thats what I called him most of the time even tho he was my cousin. I use to call him pops when me and vera would take off someplace shopping. Me and Vera loved to shop when they would come to visit me and my husband Steve in Tennesse. Steve would take Jim out to dinner. There favorite place was Ryans Steak House.I will miss him very much he was my favorite cousin. Uncle Jim loved his family. I know he tried to show love more after he became a christian. All he talk about to family and even strangers was do you know the Lord Jesus Christ. My dad James St. Arbor who past away in 94 were very close. I remember dad and him sharing the word of God back then. The word is our healer. The word healed Jim in so many ways. Now he is in Heaven with Jesus.

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**Betty Pannell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My Dad's passing was such a shock for me. You just don't think about your Dad dying, though you know its inevitable. Dad meant to me patience, that was his way of showing his love. Never getting upset when you couldn't make somewhere with him when he asked. Oh how now I cry over how I should have made the time. I always loved my Dad, no matter if we didn't see eye to eye on matters. If I could only tell you Dad "I love you" & give you a long hug & kiss. It hurts so much that you are not here. Dad, you're with Momma in heaven. This helps with my longing heart for you. There's is not a day that goes by that I don't think about, Mom, & miss her so. The same will be with you. Dad, you & Mom, will have each other again, no more loneliness. Hug you & kiss you Dad. Give a long hug & kiss to Momma for me. I'll forever long for you Dad & Mom. I have so many good memories, but of course this doesn't replace you not being here. Love you, love you, love you, Daddy. Your daughter, Ruthie, who loves you so.

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Ruth Dusaj - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ It is said that there are two guarantees in life--death and taxes. We can say Mr. Keesee has done it all--I know, I prepared his tax returns for several years. I remember one snowy day after a tax appointment both Mr. Keesee and I went to our cars and took out the snow scrapers to clear our cars. We're working away and realized after the cars were cleared that Mr. Keesee took care of my car and I took care of his. He embraced his faith totally--a true inspiration to all. Rest in peace, my dear friend. May you have the fullness of eternal life.

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Irene C. Erard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ There are childhood memories of my Dad that are so vivid. My basketball gameshe yelled at the refs, the Free Press route"Dad, do I have to get up today?, when he caught me smoking cigarettes Yikes!, the crazy songs. As I grew, I pushed my Dad away. I felt I didn't need his advice. His wisdom was tired,my life was just too complex for him to understand. It was during my Mother's illness that I came to realize the strength of my dad's character, the amazing patience, his courageous faith and, most of all, how much he loved his family. I am fortunate to have known him, even more fortunate to call him "Dad". He made me feel, especially in our last few visits, like I was so special. He always had a meal set out for me and we would always set out afterwards to take a driveDad, give me the keys. I will miss him terribly but what makes me feel better is thinking that he hasn't really left me, he's just got a better view now, along with my mom, watching over us together from up above.

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**Michael Keesee** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ I was so glad that I had a chance to talk to Jimmy on April 18 and very shocked when Vera called me today with the sad news of his passing. I feel confident that he is with the Lord. My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Wanda Kessee** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I honestly feel like I had the best grandpa a kid could ever hope for. There are so many fond childhood memories I have of him. As far back as I can remember, I can recall all of the times he watched me and played with me while my parents were at work. I'll also never forget all of the old movies and baseball games we watched together as I was growing up. Grandpa was also such a great listener and he always took such a great interest in my school work and whatever else was going on with me at the time. I am going to miss him so much and it's hard for me to accept that he is really gone, but I just try to remember all of the good times I had with him. He told me last summer how thankful he was to be my grandpa, and I am just as thankful that I was his grandson. I love him with all my heart and will miss him dearly.

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**Justin Dusaj** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ James will be dearly missed. When Lazarus died Jesus gave way to tears and raised him up. John 11:11,25,33-44. May you find comfort and peace in the memories. Deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Earlene Barber** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ was really sad to hear of of jimmy passing

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**michael st. arbor** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ We are so fortunate to have shared many fun and fond times with Dad, family and friends; attending church, singing together, watching old movie classics and traveling on many vacations to Port Huron, Lake Port, Tennessee and Kentucky. We will cherish all of our memories with Dad, We miss him dearly and are comforted knowing he is in heaven with Mom. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Love, Vera & Sean Smiley

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**Vera & Sean Smiley** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM