



James "Jim" Vande Guchte

October 4, 1960 - February 16, 2020

James Vande Guchte, 59, of Hamilton, died Sunday, February 16, 2020. Jim was a loving father and grandfather, and an avid sports fan. He was born October 4, 1960, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Rev. Howard and Virginia Vande Guchte. Jim grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and graduated from Hope College. He received his master's degree from Western Michigan University. Jim and his wife Lori raised their family in Hamilton. He was preceded in death by his father Rev. Howard Vande Guchte, granddaughter Hannah Vande Guchte, and his in-laws: Robert and Betty Kraker, Rick Kraker, Barb Tucker, Corla Kraker. He is survived by his wife Lori, his children and grandchildren: Nate and Kristen Vande Guchte (Ty, Addilyn, Bennett), Matt Vande Guchte (Hailey, Travis), Kara and Andrew Winton (Zoey), Kelsi Vande Guchte and fiancé Will Schueneman; his mother Virginia Vande Guchte, brothers: John and Trina Vande Guchte, Jack and Erin Vande Guchte, and a large extended family. A service to honor the faith and life of Jim Vande Guchte will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, February 21, 2020, in the Mosaic Worship Center at Community Reformed Church, 10376 Felch Street, Zeeland 49464. Visitation will be 5-8 pm, Thursday at the Yntema Funeral Home 251 S. State Street, Zeeland, and also on Friday 11:30-12:45 prior to the funeral service at church. Interment will be in Zeeland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Jim and his granddaughter Hannah to: SHARE Program/Edward-Elmhurst Hospital Memorial Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" Vande Guchte

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“ *"My prayers for Jim's family and friends. I was so fortunate to be able to see and talk with Jim at our class reunion several months ago. He was so easy to talk with and still has such a kind heart. I am saddened by this news. May you be with Jesus, Jim, and may your loved ones find peace and comfort with Jesus and in the wonderful memories you have with Jim."*

Lori - February 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Lori, and the rest of your family during this extremely hard time."*

Jim - February 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Very sorry to here of Jim's passing. I grew up with Jim in Fond du Lac and had many great times playing sports, hanging out at his house, and finding our way in the world before adulthood. He was always fun to be with and a tremendous force of nature. My deepest sympathies go out to all of his family. We will keep Jim and his family in our thoughts and prayers."*

John Murphy - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PB

“OMG Lori, I'm so sorry. Was just talking the other day with a few ex-Mead Johnson workers. You're in my prayers, "Jane".”

Paul Blain - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Lori, my deepest condolences to you and your family. May the peace of God walk with you at this very difficult time.”

Marcia Kuipers - February 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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YB

“Lori, may you feel our prayers, love, and care. We are thankful for God's great love and for the peace only He can provide. Time has created distance but your family, as part of Uncle Bob's and Aunt Betty's family will always remain special in our hearts.”

Yvonne B - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Sorry for your loss Lori. Sad that a man would go so young. Be strongLori, you have a great family surrounding you. God bless”

Thomas Becksfort - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TC

“I grew up with Jim in Fond du Lac. A very good friend notified me of Jim's passing the other day. To Jim's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I played many sports with and had lots of fun with Jim growing up in the '70's. He was a fierce competitor and a great, loyal friend. He would do anything for you, he was that type of individual. This is way to young to be happening to our generation. From the class of '79, we salute you Jim Vande Guchte! tim cruciani”

Tim Cruciani - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SV

“Lori we are so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Praying for you and your family. ❤️Lee and Sybil Veldhoff”

Sybil Veldhoff - February 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RI

“We knew Jim from a young boy, he always had a fun loving way about him. We especially remember while camping yearly with the church group at Green Lake he loved the water fights(by the way indirectly he started he squirted his dad Rev Howie with a water gun. Howie took it from him then started getting others) that was the beginning of many,many, years of water fights. Accidentally it grew the people closer together (just knowing we are all not perfect but we love each other). Our hearts are saddened for the absence of Jim from this earth, but praise God that he is with the Lord Jesus. Jim will be missed by so many. ❤️❤️”

Richard - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PT

“Jim was a good man. Loved our conversations mainly about sports. He loved his Packers. No doubt his journey has him in Gods kingdom.”

Pat Tolsma - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TC

“James will be missed by many for his comical character , caring heart and many heartwarming qualities. My condolences go out to family and friends during this difficult time of loss. Prayers to all, God Bless.”

TAMMY CLUGSTON - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SF

“Reading this was heartbreaking. Jim was a very thoughtful man, and a great co-worker. He will be missed, and remembered fondly, as he always had a smile and laugh in every situation. The one thing I always think of is Jim and his Blue Berries. He loved getting them each year, not only for himself, but for anyone that wanted some. I always thought how nice he was to do that for whoever wanted them.”

Scott Flynn - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim's smile was contagious and he always saw the positive in anything no matter what the situation. He was a giant teddy bear full of love and life and he will be greatly missed.”

Jillian Hardy - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AD

“I am deeply saddened by Jim's passing. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go to his family during this tragic time. Jim was a great man, my coworker, and friend. He will be greatly missed by all, and always remembered.”

Ally Dunifin - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TF

“We are sending condolences to you in this sorrowful time. May the thoughts and prayers of those who care for your family surround you with comfort and bring you peace. God Bless and Love to All,”

The Murch Family - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ML

“So sorry for the family loss. Jim was a wonderful man who loved his God and his family. I will always remember his hugs and smile.”

Marge Launders - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM