



James Richard Dawson

December 30, 1939 - May 9, 2021

James Richard Dawson, age 81 of Palms, passed away on May 9, 2021. He was born on December 30, 1939 in Deckerville to the late Charles Cartwright Dawson and Marion Elizabeth Shaw.

Jim owned and operated Jim Dawson Excavating in the Forestville area for 59 years. He was an expert heavy equipment operator and truck driver and was especially fond of his Case backhoe. He loved to amaze people with his skills by doing the most dangerous jobs with his backhoe and bulldozer. In his spare time, Jim liked to ride around in his Ford pickup and drink coffee with his friends. Jim enjoyed helping people and would lend strangers his vehicles if they were stranded on the roads. He also enjoyed many trips to Daytona and Sturgis for Bike Week, and traveled all over the lower 48 states and Alaska.

He is survived by his son Robert (Tammy) Dawson of Attica MI, grandchildren Allyson Bechtel of Mt. Pleasant MI, Kyle (Alexis) Bechtel of Niles MI, great grandchildren Benjamin and Haddie Bechtel, and special friend Carol Albertson.

Jim was preceded in death by father Charles Dawson and mother Marion Shaw.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be at Minden City township

cemetery. No funeral service is planned, per Jim's wishes. A celebration of life event will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

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“ To Bob and anyone in the family of Jim Dawson,
Never was a better backhoe or excavator operator than Jim. He spent many times in our shop getting the ol' 580 fixed after Jim, according to my dad Jack, effed up another free lunch. My first experience at Cedar Point was in part because of Jim and you, Bob. We traveled down there in the ol' red Ford and had a blast. Jim spent many a time at our place getting fixed up and back to work again, at our kitchen table drinking coffee and b.s.ing the time away. He had a certain knack for getting my dad's goat all the time and getting him p.o.'d at him to which Jim would reply "oh, you still love me". Man, what a character. I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss your dad. One time I came home from the city and needed a tree stump dug out to get it out of the way to work on a building on our farm. Called Jim, an hour later he came driving down the road on the 580 and dug it out for me. That was the way Jim was. Give ya the shirt off his back if you needed it. His friendship and hard work will be missed. The mold was definitely broken after he came along. Will never see another like him. My deepest sympathies to you, Bob and any one connected to Jim.
Darrel Schubel

Darrel Schubel - May 29, 2021 at 11:12 PM

JJ

“ Jim came into forester bar and grill and i waited on him very sweet guy r.i.p jim we will miss u

Julie Jackson - May 12, 2021 at 08:45 PM

SS

“ Husband Bill and I met James when we bought his van. He was so kind and engaging. Turns out whenever we'd go somewhere to eat, there he was with his great big smile, recognizing us. I'm going to miss him.



Sheri & Bill Smith - May 12, 2021 at 08:31 AM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I worked at the Huron County Health Department for 33 years and had many great conversations with Jim over the years. He always had great stories 😊. Prayers to his family.

Cindy Carson - May 11, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LV

“ A Forestville legend, lost.
Jim was always such a hoot to bump into. A genuine smile, and mischievous sparkle in his eyes.
So sorry, Bob.
Rest In Peace, Jim.

Lisa vanerian - May 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM

DL

“ Jim was one of a kind! So kind and giving as well as a great story teller. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. My dad (Steve Conquergood) and I had a nice visit with him at his house few months back. Our sincere condolences.
Deb Lemanski

Debra Lemanski - May 11, 2021 at 12:53 PM