



James Patrick Fleming

July 29, 1942 - December 16, 2016

James (Jim) Patrick Fleming, age 74, of Port Huron Township, passed away after a long illness December 16, 2016, with his family by his side.

James was born July 29, 1942 in Detroit to the late John and Henrietta Fleming, and graduated in 1960 from St. Stephens High School, Port Huron, Michigan. He then went on to graduate from Western Michigan University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the social sciences. James married Bernadette M. Trupiano at All Saints Church in Detroit, February 14, 1975.

James is survived by his wife, Bernadette, Port Huron; a daughter, Shannon Fleming of Glencoe, Illinois; a daughter Michelle Fleming of Port Huron; and a son, John (Andrea) Fleming of Port Huron, as well as two grandchildren, Adalynn and Jaxon. He is also survived by his brother, John (Diane) Fleming of Alaska and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joanne Calvagna.

James was a man of many talents and varied interests. He taught government and history at All Saints High School in Detroit for four years, where he was a department head, athletic director and assistant coach, leading the school basketball team to the state championship in 1968. James then went on to teach history, speech and religion at St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn from 1969 to 1972. While at St. Alphonsus he was also a department head, forensic judge and assistant coach. From 1972 to 1977, James managed the family business in Detroit, J.P. Fleming & Sons. James and Bernadette moved back to Port Huron in 1977 where James worked for FedEx Trade Networks

as a border administrator until his retirement in 2004.

After retirement, James began his second career – volunteering in the Port Huron community at Operation Transformation, Cross Current Church, and at the Acheson Ventures Great Lakes Maritime Center. His kindness of heart made Jim the perfect person to be involved at Operation Transformation and Cross Current Church. His wealth of knowledge and love of the many lake freighters that traversed our Great Lakes enabled Jim to be an exemplary guide to many who asked him questions at the Maritime Center.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12pm Friday, January 6, 2017 at Colonial Woods Missionary Church, 3240 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron. Visiting hours will be from 11am to the time of service at the church. Pastors Phil Whetstone and Stan Liechty will officiate. Cremation arrangements have been made by Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer, Port Huron. Memorial tributes can be made to the ALS of Michigan. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Colonial Woods Missionary Church
Port Huron, MI 48060

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Colonial Woods Missionary Church
Port Huron, MI 48060

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Love and miss you dearly. ❤️



mcf - January 25, 2017 at 05:59 PM

PQ

“ In 2012, I dedicated a video to Jim Fleming - my classmate / 'Maritime' / friend. My hope now is that Jim's family be comforted by their memories of being with him near this special place. I am. Watch "Night & Day - Blue Water Bridges" at the following link. I can't think of these bridges without thinking of Jim, and visa versa. May he rest in peace.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jokzfoj3v4hifae/AACEiKDbN1fezD-ED3xz4wza?dl=0>

Patrick D. Quinlan - January 06, 2017 at 12:46 AM

PQ

“ 1 file added to the album FriendsAndPlaces



Patrick D. Quinlan - January 05, 2017 at 10:37 PM

Fred
LeFebvre

“ Had Mr. Fleming at All Saints '69 and have to agree he was one hell of a teacher. My prayers to his family and friends.

Fred LeFebvre - January 03, 2017 at 09:22 AM

MC

“ Mcf lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Fleming



mcf - December 31, 2016 at 11:34 PM

DG

“ Jim was so special. He shared all of his knowledge about the freighters with me when we first started 10 yrs. ago. He always was smiling & eager to welcome our visitors. I know this was a tough journey for all of you but you were the BEST CARE GIVERS Jim could have had. He was so proud of ALL of you. I felt like I knew you personally. ALS is a terrible disease but he put up a good fight. Now he is at peace. God bless all of you !

Denise Gawronski

Denise Gawronski - December 22, 2016 at 02:29 PM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers for Jim's family. I have fond memories of our shared rides from the Maritime Center to the Lanxess CAP meetings in Sarnia. The conversations we had during those trips were always insightful as well as enjoyable.

Bob Freehan

Bob Freehan - December 21, 2016 at 10:56 PM

BK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's friends and family in their time of grief. I worked at FedEx Trade Networks with Jim for years and have the fondest of memories of him. We talked on an almost daily basis and I sure missed him when he retired. He will surely be missed now by me and all his coworkers. Rest in Peace my good Buddy!

Barb Kidd - December 21, 2016 at 08:42 AM

AS

“ John, Andrea and family I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts And prayers are with you all.

Aunt Sharon - December 21, 2016 at 07:03 AM

JJ

“ My St. Stephen High School classmate, simply a man to emulate!! Jim walked with the spirit of Christ in his heart, a spirit of servant hood. I have had a belief that the true worth of a man is not known until he's gone, with Jim, he showed us every step of his journey, through his illness, what love and faith is all about. Jim has many jewels in his crown to lay before his lord and savior, class of 1960, Joe Johnsick

Joe Johnsick - December 21, 2016 at 07:02 AM

DD

“ John, sorry for your loss. May the Lord wrap His comforting and peaceful arms around you and your family. Keeping you all in our prayers. Blessings

Diane DeLaney - December 21, 2016 at 02:17 AM

FS

“ I was lucky to have him for 2 years at All Saints. I was lucky again as to ride to all our games with him as his shot gun rider. He was a great teacher and even a better man. I can say I have never heard some one ever say anything bad about him. He will missed by all. Because of him my outlook on life is so much better. God bless his family. We have lost a real Saint.

Fred and Lea Schefsky both in the class of 1968

FRED SCHEFSKY - December 20, 2016 at 10:35 PM

DM

“ Emma (Conelly) Martin and Frank Martin were two of twelve siblings. Frank was my grandfather. Emma is Jim's grandmother. We are second cousins. We both graduated from St. Stephen HS in 1960. Jim was more studious than Dennis. Whereas, Dennis needed 3 years in the US Army to appreciate a good education, Jim attended and graduated from college (graduated in the Wolverine State). At age 30, Dennis finally finished college in California. I kept up with Jim and Bernadette's family news via his sister, Joanne Calvagna. She resided in Anaheim CA. As I recall, I was able to visit Jim on each return trip to the Wolverine State. It was always a pleasure to speak to Jim about his relatives and family. I really will miss my fellow classmate and relative.

Adiós y descanso in paz Dennis

Dennis Martin - December 20, 2016 at 07:57 PM

JE

“ *To the entire Fleming family...*

We were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this time of loss.

The Stein's

Jeff - December 20, 2016 at 05:32 PM

SR

“ *John and family:*

My deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Sue Rutkofske

Sue rutkofske - December 20, 2016 at 01:59 PM



My condolences to the family of Mr. Fleming along with my thoughts and prayers. He was a kind and wonderful teacher.

Beth Carmona class of '69

Beth Carmona - January 05, 2017 at 03:34 PM