



## Mr. James Richard Vaness

February 27, 1945 - January 9, 2013

James R. Vaness, 67, of Fort Gratiot Twp., passed away on January 9, 2013 in Port Huron Hospital unexpectedly.

He was born on February 27, 1945 in Detroit, son of the late John and Margaret Vaness.

James married Lillian Lamia. She passed away on August 12, 2011.

He served in the United States Army. James retired from the City of Detroit.

He enjoyed his cars, going to Las Vegas and spending time with his many friends.

James is survived by his friend, Anne Ange of Port Huron.

A Celebration of Life will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2013 in Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th Street, Port Huron. Pastor Dan Bakay will officiate. Inurnment will be in Allied Veterans Cemetery Columbarium.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, January 18, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Food Depot of Port Huron or St. Clair County Allied Veterans Council.

St. Clair Allied Veterans will conduct Military Honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Allied Veterans Cemetery

3965 Gratiot Avenue  
Port Huron, MI 48060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 18.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Dan and Kim McKenzie** - January 16, 2013 at 03:48 PM

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**Dan and Kim McKenzie** - January 16, 2013 at 03:44 PM

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**Kim and Dan McKenzie** - January 16, 2013 at 10:59 AM

KM

*We love you Jim and will truly miss you... You were a good friend and you always brightened our day.....Kim and Dan*

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**Kim and Dan Mckenzie** - January 18, 2013 at 08:52 PM

LD

“ Jim was a wonderful friend to our family, particularly my brother and his family and my mother. He was a gentle, caring man, who would do anything for a friend. He was always a pleasure to be with, loved and appreciated by our whole family. I'll never forget sharing his loving presence at my brother's hospital bedside the day Keith received the news that his cancer was terminal. His beloved wife, Darlene, was with her father, who was having heart surgery in Saginaw. Keith was so faithful, he was ready to immediately be with his Heavenly Father so his family wouldn't have to endure any more suffering. He wanted her to know how much he appreciated and loved her and his family. He repeatedly left her messages not realizing he had just done so. Jim and I tried so hard to keep Keith focused on other things because our hearts ached so for how Darlene would feel when she received these repeated voice messages. Jim was my rock that day, as well as his best buddy's. I wouldn't have made it through without breaking down had it not been for Jim, but I saw his glistening eyes from across the room and knew how painful it was for him. God rest his compassionate soul! He will be missed by so many!

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**Laura Dean-Bonnell** - January 15, 2013 at 08:57 AM

KC

“ Heaven called you the other day,  
The stairs were long, as you went on your way.

We were there for your journey, watched as you lay,  
Wishing & praying you could come back & play

We'll miss you so & we must say,  
We love you Jim, forever & a day.

Always in my heart..... <3

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**kim case** - January 13, 2013 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ *Jim & his wife Lillian were dear friends for over 40 years. He spent many happy hours visiting Rick Kernohan & me at our home in Jeddo and was always the life of the party at our many gatherings. More recently, I enjoyed time with him at car shows in Greenfield Village. Jim was a true friend, always loving, caring, giving and humble.*



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**Janet Taylor** - January 13, 2013 at 07:47 AM