



## James N. Williford

May 26, 1942 - April 4, 2021

James N. Williford of Clinton Twp., died on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at the age of 78. He was born on May 26, 1942 in New Haven to the late James Williford and Marion Melkerson.

Jim (also known as Frito-Jim) is survived by his wife Denise, his children Tammy, Patty, Jim, Wendy, Tom, Scottie, Marissa, and Luke, his his siblings Pat, Linda, Brenda, and Ed along with his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was a proud veteran of the United States Navy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Jowett Funeral Home - New Haven.

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Denise J Thiry-Williford lit a candle in memory of James N. Williford*



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**Denise J Thiry-Williford** - August 27, 2024 at 10:35 PM

DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Denise Williford** - June 27, 2021 at 10:42 PM

LC

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Jim for about 10 years. What stood out the most was His caring ways to help. He offered to fix my granddaughter's bike and it meant so much to us. I had fun times with Jim and Denise especially when we went to the Elvis Live show at the Macomb Performing Arts venue. It was excellent. Also Sundays at church. Rest In Peace My Dear Friend. You're in God's presents now. God bless you. Love, Lyne*

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**Lynette Castello** - May 21, 2021 at 10:18 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



denisewilliford - May 16, 2021 at 08:10 AM

LC

*Lovely picture Denise,  
I'm sorry for you loss. Jim was one special man and you sure were  
good to him when he was ill. Love you both so much, Lyne*

Lynette Castello - May 21, 2021 at 10:02 PM

MT

“ *Jim, you will be greatly missed. Thanks for all  
the laughs through the years. Your at peace  
now.. See you on the other side. Marvel*



Marvel thiry - May 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM

DE

“ James Williford my husband of twenty nine years went home to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2021. It is so special you joined the Lord Jesus on Easter. He welcomed you in His loving arms. Second Corinthians 5:8 says "absent from the body is present with the Lord". I know you are happy in heaven, I can almost hear you say "wait till you see what it's really like up here". I know the angels are having a party that you entered into His home, now your forever home too. I love you, and miss you each day. I have peace knowing you are now at peace. Have SO much more to share, to say when I get my emotions together, at another time. Forever in my Heart. Love, Denise❤️❤️❤️



denisewilliford - May 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM

LP

Beautiful Denise😊

Linda Palmer - May 11, 2021 at 08:37 PM

LP

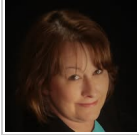
My dear brother. You may be gone from our world, but I know you're enjoying the company of mom, dad, Debbie and all the other family and friends who have passed on. I was always so proud of my big brother. You will always be in my thoughts and I certainly will miss the times we shared. I'm glad you and I were always close as I have lots of fun memories!!Life goes on for us, but I look forward to the day we are all reunited in Heaven😊🙏❤️ I love you and miss you every day!

Linda Palmer - May 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM

DE

This is beautiful Linda

denisewilliford - May 15, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Jim, You will be sorely missed by Ron, Cara, and me. You were always so warm and friendly with a kooky little way of doing things. We shared tons of laughs and wisdom over the years. You will never be forgotten because you gave us all a lot to reminisce over and laugh about, like the time you came over in the morning with that hot rod car and cleaned it for hours until you finally told us you were kind of hiding the fact that you bought it or the times you would try to take my dogs on the boat with you, while you would almost lose your balance trying to get them in with you.. Ha, you were too funny. We love you Jim and will keep your memory always alive.



To your family, we are so sorry for your loss. Losing a good soul is something that you can never fully get over. The pain will lessen over time though and with that lessening will come the memories you will always cherish.

Denise, We are only a phone call away, any time of the day if you need anything at all.

With sympathy,

Ron Bown  
Angela Levitan  
Cara Drinkwine

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**Angela Levitan** - April 23, 2021 at 10:09 AM

DE

Wow, I'm in Awe, What a beautiful writing of Jim. He loved you all. Thank you SO much for sharing. Denise

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**denisewilliford** - April 24, 2021 at 10:01 AM

MM

“ Memories of better times. Will miss all our talks about flowers and rocks ,your yard always looks so good. Have lotta good memories over the years. I’m glad you’re at peace. See you on the other side.



Michele Mayes - April 18, 2021 at 08:49 AM

DE

Great pic of Josh and Jim. LOVE IT. RIP FOREVER JOSH AND JIM. You will both NEVER be forgotten. ❤️

denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:03 AM

DE

“ I will miss you Papa Jim, watching sponge Bob with you, reading books with you, and running in the kitchen to get you a snack. Hope you like your new home. love you. Love, Hayden❤️



denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 10:25 PM

DE

“ This is the first time Jim meet Baby Rowan. It put the BIGGEST smile on his face, he was so worried about Marissa during her pregnancy, cause she had such a difficult time. Rowan loves you Papa Jim. Forever.



denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 10:21 PM

DE



denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ I met Jim 19 years ago. From the first day I met him he became an inspiration to me, helping me on my road to a better life. His experience, strength and hope even through the tough times showed me there was a better way to live. His faith showed me God had a plan for me. I am blessed to have known him and thankful he was my friend. He will be missed and lovingly remembered.

Marina Parowski - April 15, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DE

Made me cry Marina.

denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ Jim, was a great man who loved his family with working in the yard, garden, and much more in life! He was well known as the Frito Lay guy; “Frito Jim” who enjoyed his work, his friends, and made continued strides to healing with much support surrounding him. Denise & Jim were great together and will always have a special place in my heart! Miss you Jim! ❤️

Mark C. - April 13, 2021 at 09:46 AM

DE

Thank you Mark

denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 06:12 PM

MT

Well Jim I miss our morning coffee talks we had you read my paper drank my coffee. Then we would sit an talk about everthing

Marvel thiry - May 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

MK

“ My condolences to the Williford family..I worked with Jim at Frito-Lay from 1980-2018. Whenever there was a market tour we always went to Jim's stores. There was nobody and I mean nobody who could merchandise a store like Jim. Jim really took pride in his work. People with that talent and ability do not come around that often. He would come into my office and tell me about the family and about his walk with the Lord. He will be missed. Mark Kreger Frito-Lay

Mark A. Kreger - April 11, 2021 at 12:08 PM

DW

What a beautiful memory  
Thank you so much for sharing. Yes, he took much pride in his work at frito lay. He was the first to get to the docks to load his truck. He was up and gone out of the house by 3 20 a.m. each day. The hardest working person I know, my beloved husband Frito Jim.

denise williford - April 12, 2021 at 11:52 PM

PA

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Patty - April 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM

DW

*Great photos. Left us with much love and good memories of you. RIP forever more my dear husband. We shall meet again. Love, Denise*

denise williford - April 12, 2021 at 11:59 PM

PA

“ *My dad was so much that I honestly cannot put it into words. There's not a single person that would ever have anything bad to say about him. He was silly, kind, goofy, sincere....a damn hard worker, and spent his entire life working or striving to help his family and friends in any way he could. My dad never asked for anything, ever. He only asked for love. He was loved dearly, and I know he felt it as he passed. I know because I was there. Dad, I miss you but happy you are at peace.*

Patty - April 09, 2021 at 01:45 AM

DW

*This is a beautiful memory Patty. He was ALWAYS so happy to talk to you.*

denise williford - April 12, 2021 at 11:57 PM

WW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wendy Williford - April 07, 2021 at 11:42 AM

DE

LOVE THIS PIC. JIM HAD A NICE SMILE ON HIS FACE, FROM YOUR KISSES 😊

denisewilliford - May 08, 2021 at 06:23 PM



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Scottie Williford - April 07, 2021 at 11:06 AM

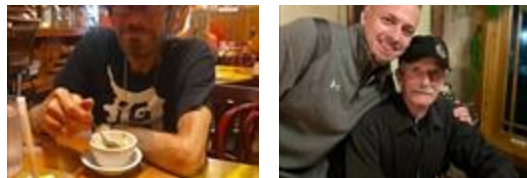
DE

Good pic of you both.

denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:08 AM

TW

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Tom Williford - April 07, 2021 at 10:36 AM

DE

*Great Pics Tom. Good memories.❤️*

denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:05 AM

TW

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Tom Williford - April 07, 2021 at 10:33 AM

DE

*Love the pic Tom.*

denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 06:07 PM

TW

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Tom Williford - April 07, 2021 at 10:02 AM

DE

*I remember this day, your Dad was excited to go to the Lions game with you.*

denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM

WW

“ When I was 15 yrs old my mom and dad got divorced....it was a sad time for us 6 kids and my mom got custody of my 2 younger brothers. Because I was of age, I got to decide who to live with and I chose my dad so he wouldn't be alone. We gained a closeness then and a bond for life. He came to visit me when I was around 24 yrs old and said he wrote me a poem. He handed it to me and said some private words....but the part when he said “you chose me” and thanked me, was the most special. That piece of paper meant more to me than any gift he's given me over my 46 yrs.....and I will cherish it forever. I love you Dad, I'll miss you and the long talks we always had.

-Wendy



Wendy Williford - April 07, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DE

Cool letter

denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 06:07 PM

BA

“ I first met Jim at Christian Life Church when he came up for prayer. We prayed for his family and had a nice fellowship. I had the opportunity to pray with him and Denise several times and got to know him better. He had a warm spirit and I enjoyed the fellowship that we had. I pray for Jim's wife and family for comfort at this difficult time. I know that I will be seeing Jim again on the other side. In heaven. Love Bill

Bill Amell - April 06, 2021 at 06:00 PM

DE

*Thank you Bill*

denisewilliford - April 15, 2021 at 06:11 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



James Williford Jr - April 05, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DE

*Good pic.*

denisewilliford - April 24, 2021 at 10:06 AM

MT

*Nice picture*

Marvel thiry - May 04, 2021 at 06:10 PM