



## James Alexander Jr.

July 31, 1954 - May 3, 2025

James Joseph Alexander Jr. of Holly, MI passed away on May 3, 2025 at the age of 70. Jim was born in Flint, MI to the late James and Martha Alexander. He was married to his high school sweetheart Cindy Smalley-Alexander for 43 years prior to his passing. Jim was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather (Bumpy). He leaves behind his wife Cindy Smalley-Alexander, daughters Cara (Eric) Dovre and Emma Alexander, grandchildren Nora and Lincoln Dovre, sister Shirley (Ron) Brendel, brother Bruce (Kim) Alexander, brother-in-law Dennis (Renee) Smalley, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim retired from General Motors in 2018 after a 30+ year career at the proving grounds, which he was very proud of! He loved the outdoors, whether that be on the golf course, sitting in his deer blind the woods, or enjoying a campfire at the Higgins Lake cabin. Jim was a member of Holly Moose Lodge the Holly Kiwanis Club, and often volunteered his time in the community. He was a passionate Michigan State fan, and loved all of the professional Detroit sports teams. Jim was also a super fan of his family's sports activities. He traveled near and far to all of Emma's college golf tournaments, and rarely ever missed Lincoln's football or basketball games, or Nora's cheer competitions. Jim was always 100% behind his family and everything that they were involved in.

To know Jim was to know what the human version of Joy is. He could light up a room with his smile and his contagiously positive personality. He truly made everyone who knew him better and he will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and the entire community of Holly.

Jim will be laid to rest at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly on May 10, 2025. The visitation will be at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly from 2pm-8pm on May 9, 2025. The funeral service will be held May 10, 2025 at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly at 11AM, with luncheon to follow at the Holly Calvary Church. Memorial donations can be made in Jim's honor to the Michigan Humane Society. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Alexander Jr.*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 20, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service For James Alexander*



Bruce Dryer - May 28, 2025 at 03:08 PM

CM

“ *Sending love and prayers to your family.*

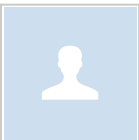
Cheryl McDougal - May 09, 2025 at 07:15 PM

DA

“ *Debbie (Diehl) Asbel lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



Debbie (Diehl) Asbel - May 09, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Alexander Jr..*

May 09, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 09, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LF

“ Love always, Your Stampede Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Alexander Jr..



Love always, Your Stampede Family - May 08, 2025 at 10:39 PM

LF

“ Love always, Your Stampede Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alexander Jr..

Love always, Your Stampede Family - May 08, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy Alexander - May 08, 2025 at 10:31 PM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy Alexander - May 08, 2025 at 09:59 PM

SD

“ I grew up in the same neighborhood as the Alexander family. My prayers and condolences to all of Jim's family.  
Sharon (Dunning) Dismuke



Sharon Dismuke - May 08, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ Scott & Tracey; Linda, Roger & Shawn purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Alexander Jr..



Scott & Tracey; Linda, Roger & Shawn - May 08, 2025 at 07:25 PM

SS

“ Scott & Tracey; Linda, Roger & Shawn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alexander Jr..

Scott & Tracey; Linda, Roger & Shawn - May 08, 2025 at 07:25 PM



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Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 08, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SA

“ Steven Alexander lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Steven Alexander - May 08, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Alexander Jr..*



May 08, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Denny Puskas purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Alexander Jr..*



**Denny Puskas** - May 08, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Janet Knapp Prescott sent a virtual gift in memory of James Alexander*



**Janet Knapp Prescott** - May 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Alexander** - May 07, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Alexander** - May 07, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Kristy Beelby Lorion lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



Kristy Beelby Lorion - May 07, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MA

“ *Marti Addis lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



Marti Addis - May 07, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DF

“ *Sure going to miss you buddy!! Will always have those great memories. Glad to have had you as a friend, one of the best! A super guy, R.I.P.*



Dan Freeburg - May 07, 2025 at 02:05 PM

AG

“ *My golf partner for almost 20 years. Wouldn't admit he couldn't see even if it meant borrowing ladies readers to fill out his keno sheet. You will be sorely missed my friend.*



andy Gazetti - May 07, 2025 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ *The Carey & Walsh Families purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James Alexander Jr..*



**The Carey & Walsh Families** - May 07, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LR

“ *Lorne & Penny Winglemire Raupp lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



**Lorne & Penny Winglemire Raupp** - May 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

BM

“ *Brian and Carol Mynatt purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Alexander Jr..*



**Brian and Carol Mynatt** - May 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Alexander** - May 06, 2025 at 08:17 PM

CA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Alexander** - May 06, 2025 at 08:08 PM

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Cindy Alexander - May 06, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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Cindy Alexander - May 06, 2025 at 07:39 PM

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Cindy Alexander - May 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM

UP

“ Udy Prose lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Udy Prose - May 06, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TK

“ Teri & Brian Keener lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Teri & Brian Keener - May 06, 2025 at 06:05 PM

GT

“ *My cousin I  
Remember the baby, the boy and the man.....he was always giggling, laughing  
and fun to be around.....list we forget he loved his beer 🤪🤪. You will be missed  
💔. RIP Cuz.*

Gloria Toth - May 06, 2025 at 05:37 PM

PN

“ *Pamela N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alexander Jr..*

Pamela N. - May 06, 2025 at 05:10 PM

GS

“ *Dear Cindy,  
I can not imagine what you and your family are currently  
going through. My heart aches for all of you. I'm praying for  
our Lord to grant you the strength needed to make it  
through this trying time .  
Take care my friend.*



George Swaney - May 06, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James  
Alexander Jr..*



May 06, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JC

“ *Great guy, I worked with him at G.M for several years. Always happy and friendly.*

Jenny Cash - May 06, 2025 at 04:07 PM

TK

“ *Tucker Kids purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of  
James Alexander Jr..*



Tucker Kids - May 06, 2025 at 03:50 PM

TK

“ Tucker Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alexander Jr..

Tucker Kids - May 06, 2025 at 03:50 PM

TH

“ Tony & Jean Heron lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Tony & Jean Heron - May 06, 2025 at 03:30 PM

CA

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Cindy Alexander - May 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CD

“ My dad playing basketball his senior year.



Cara Dovre - May 06, 2025 at 02:52 PM

MP

“ Jim you may be gone but you will never be forgotten. I always enjoyed seeing you at the golf course and we never ended our conversation without one of us laughing. Your light was always shining bright and it will continue to shine with the memories you left with us. Gone far too soon!

Mike Primeau - Coyote Preserve

Mike Primeau - May 06, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KP

“ Prayers and blessings for the family. John and Kim Phillips



Kim Phillips - May 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Alexander Jr..

May 06, 2025 at 02:04 PM

ME

“ Mike Eby lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Mike Eby - May 06, 2025 at 01:43 PM

WF

“ What a Great Guy. Jim will be missed by all who knew him. Great Classmate. Our Class of "72" will certain miss him. GONE TO SOON. Rest is Peace, Friend.

Wendy Fishback - May 06, 2025 at 01:32 PM

WF

“ Wendy Fishback lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Wendy Fishback - May 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM

GE

“ Hugs to all of you! Don & Geri Turner



Geri - May 06, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Alexander Jr..*



May 06, 2025 at 10:41 AM



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May 06, 2025 at 10:41 AM

KW

“ *Karin Winchester lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



**Karin Winchester** - May 06, 2025 at 10:17 AM

TR

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Alexander Family. I would call Jim my Uncle. I would laugh when we were at the Proving Ground in Bldg 104, I would always call him Uncle Jim. The looks we received. He was a great man. Too young! Going to miss him.  
Love Tracie (Young) and Ray Romba*

**Tracie (Young) & Ray Romba** - May 06, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MD

“ *Mike Dunning lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



**Mike Dunning** - May 06, 2025 at 07:56 AM

GA

“ Gary Allen lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Gary Allen - May 05, 2025 at 06:49 PM

TH

“ Tony & Jean Heron lit a candle in memory of James Alexander



Tony & Jean Heron - May 05, 2025 at 03:54 PM

LY

“ Linda Young sent a virtual gift in memory of James Alexander



Linda Young - May 05, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TP

“ Timothy P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Alexander.

Timothy P. - May 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Alexander Jr..



May 05, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Alexander.

May 05, 2025 at 09:49 AM

CD

“ *Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



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**Connie Davis** - May 05, 2025 at 09:16 AM

SG

“ *Sharon Goodrow sent a virtual gift in memory of James Alexander*



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**Sharon Goodrow** - May 04, 2025 at 04:19 PM

SS

“ *sally stotler lit a candle in memory of James Alexander*



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**sally stotler** - May 04, 2025 at 02:58 PM

BL

“ *Cindy and family  
We are sending hugs and prayers to you. We are so sorry  
for your loss  
Bob and Kay Lacey*



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**Bob and Kay Lacey** - May 04, 2025 at 10:19 AM