



James "Jim" Heilighenthal

September 23, 1942 - January 5, 2026

James "Jim" Heilighenthal, age 83, passed away January 5, 2026. Born in Marquette, MI, Jim lived a life rooted in service and quiet authority.

He proudly serviced as a Military Police officer in the United States Army and later retired as a Lieutenant with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Known for his steady presence and dry sense of humor, Jim earned the respect of those who worked with and knew him.

He is survived by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley in tribute to Jim's best friend, Murphy.

<https://humanesocietytennessee.networkforgood.com/projects/15159-donate>

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Military Honors and Burial

JAN 20. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working under Lt, Heiligenthal ("Sgt Heidi", as he was known to the troops at the time I worked for him). He was a calm, patient, easy-to-talk-with commander. Never in a rush. Always had advice to those who asked. He will be thought of fondly and missed.

Chris Osborne

Chris Osborne - January 14 at 04:25 PM

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“ A fond, restful farewell Ret. Lt. Heiligenthal. A well-respected leader who dedicated years of experience, knowledge, and understanding to his staff, co-workers and citizens. A great man to work under his charge.

Captain M. McClellan - January 14 at 12:54 PM