



# James T. Higgerson

November 28, 1934 - February 17, 2024

Higgerson, James Tandy "Jim" Formerly of Burton 89, passed from this life to the next on Saturday, February 17, 2024. He was born in Cullman, AL on November 28, 1934, worked the family farm, graduated from high school, was offered a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, but moved to Flint, Michigan to seek factory work. In July 1956, he married his wife Dolores and the two raised a family of four. He was a skilled millwright at the General Motors Flint Engine Plant and a proud union member of UAW Local 659. Jim was a charming, charismatic, and hilarious man who made friends wherever he went. He was a great neighbor who would mow grass or plow snow for others and never accept a gift in return. He had a strong work ethic that he passed on to his children. He was a longtime Flint Elks Lodge 222 member and was often found on the golf course where he shot a hole in one! He also enjoyed hunting season with his friends but was often frustrated during turkey season. However, he mastered the turkey call at home in the living room. He was a local sports fan and attended many of his children's events but always left in time for his 3rd shift schedule. After retirement he and Dolores often enjoyed a day trip to Soaring Eagle Casino. He loved all of his grandsons and great-grandchildren more than they will ever know. He was an ardent Alabama Crimson Tide fan (Roll Tide!) as well as a Michigan State fan (Go Green!). He also liked U of M, but not when they played Alabama or MSU. In the past few years, he and his daughter Becky watched Iowa Hawkeyes basketball games together. He had a great relationship with his caregiver, Miryea Fajardo, calling her his adoptive daughter. His greatest passion though was his two classic vehicles—a 1966 Chevy truck and a 1968 Chevy Impala. He attended car shows all over the state and especially enjoyed the Back to the Bricks tour with Dolores and their friends, Dick and Jenny McLean. He is survived by his wife Dolores Knapp of Grand Blanc, MI; son Dan of Burton, MI; daughter Becky of Grand Blanc, MI; daughter Kristie of Seattle, WA; grandson Stephen (Nadrah) and great-grandchildren Noah, Jonah, and Sofia of Swartz Creek, MI; grandson Timothy (Holly) and great-grandchildren Teddy and Hannah of Dayton, OH; grandson Kyle (Elyse) and great-grandchildren Cidonia, Silas, and Amos of Flint, MI; grandson Justin (Sarah) and great-grandchildren Erik and Finn of Olathe, KS; sister Janice Bennett of Pegram, TN; loving cousins in Alabama and many caring friends. Jim was preceded in death by his father

George B. Higgerson and mother DeEtte S. Harbison and son Ronald Higgerson. Private services will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *DEBORAH ESCOBEDO sent a virtual gift in memory of James Higerson*



DEBORAH ESCOBEDO - February 23, 2024 at 09:15 PM

DE

“ *2 files added to the album life long friends*



DEBORAH ESCOBEDO - February 23, 2024 at 08:50 PM

BH

*Thank you for the pictures of my dad & mom!*

Becky Higerson - February 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

 Earline Hershon

“ *Jim was th Best!! He was a great golfer ..Barry and I loved talking with him. Take care Delores.*

Earline Hershon - February 22, 2024 at 11:34 AM



*Jim was great to be around in the shop or on the golf course. His fall story was the best for a squirrel dropped from the fireplace chimney with his tail on fire. After a mini chase throughout the home with brooms in hand the varmint finally found great comfort in a snowbank on Jim's front porch. So, if you see a tailless squirrel off maple rd.--that's the one! Our thoughts are with you Delores. Frank and Sally Glover*

Sally Glover - February 22, 2024 at 02:41 PM

BH

*My Mom says thank you for posting. It brought back happy memories. —Becky—Jim's daughter*

Becky Higerson - February 22, 2024 at 10:29 PM

RM

*Upon being told of Jim's passing, Noel (Mize) said "well ,I guess that's everybody but me. " referring to the group of boys that grew up together and hung out. Noel is now 92 and a half...and very frail. He still resides in Cullman, Alabama. We send our condolences.*

*Robbie and Noel Mize*

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**Robbie Mize** - February 23, 2024 at 06:09 PM

DE

*Dolores, Dan, Becky, Christy,*

*We are sorry for your loss. I don't have any memory of not knowing Higg (as my Dad called him). He was always happy, laughing and smiling, whenever I saw him. That's how I will always remember him. Until we are reunited with our loved ones, may they rest peacefully. Praying for God's comfort for you and your family. We love you guys, Deb (Carpenter) and Ray Escobedo*

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**DEBORAH ESCOBEDO** - February 23, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BH

*Thank you Deb and Ray. I love hearing stories about how happy my dad was. Smiling and laughing is all about a life well lived.*

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**Becky Higgerson** - February 28, 2024 at 08:09 PM

KW

*I just saw this Delores*

*I am sorry for your loss*

*I think of you often and hope all is well with you*

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**Kathy Williams** - April 22, 2024 at 09:26 PM