



James Oran Reid

March 3, 1938 - June 22, 2021

James Oran Reid, 83, of Holly, passed away June 22, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Rock Hill, SC, to William Macklin and Maggie (Rainey) Reid. Deeply loved husband of Sharron (Long) to whom he was married for nearly 60 years.

In addition to his wife, Jim leaves three daughters: Linda (Larry) Avery of Illinois, Angela (Ed) Robak of Holly, and Elizabeth Bidinger of Massachusetts; grandchildren Adam, Amanda, Daniel, Lauren, and Lily; and a great-granddaughter, Maeve; brother Melvin (Janet) Reid; brother in law Virgil (Betty) Long; sister in law Pam (Paul) Liscom; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Jim had a long career in the sand and gravel industry. He designed several sand plants and he was the principal inventor and designer of an innovative system for cleaning industrial paint drums, which was awarded a patent. Throughout his life, Jim was an accomplished guitarist who was regularly asked to perform at area churches and other community events. He was recognized by musicians across Michigan for his exceptional five-finger style and his expert covers of several Chet Atkins' masterpieces. The childhoods of his children and grandchildren were permeated by the sound of Jim playing Black Mountain Rag, Cannonball, In the Mood, Via Con Dios, and other melodies that kept him challenged.

His wife, Sharron, recalls that when he was in his 20s, they saw the movie Dr. Zhivago and he went home and immediately began to teach himself "Lara's

Theme “; he persisted until he could play it flawlessly.

Jim was an abundantly skilled man who could arrange a piece of music, solve a complex engineering problem, and build or fix about anything. In his later years he was most proud of his long marriage, his daughters, and his exceptionally close and loving relationships with his grandchildren. Visitation will be from 1-4 PM with a Memorial Service following at 4:00 PM on Fri. June 25, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Sharon, Angela, Liz...so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I'll always remember him teaching me how to work with wood, patiently guiding me in that soft Carolina drawl of his. I once asked him if he could play a few songs on the guitar, and he took the time to get the guitar, set things up, all-the-while thoroughly educating me on why Mr. Chet Atkins was the best guitarist in the in the world.

Many great memories. I'll be praying for your strength, may peace be with you.

Craig Morse - July 06, 2021 at 10:18 PM

TS

“ What a great teacher. God has welcomed you home.

Tedd stone - July 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ Sharron, Ang, Liz, Linda so sorry for the loss of Mr Reid. Most of my childhood was spent at your house and I have lots of great memories of your dad. I hope God gives you all strength during this time.

lisa hobson tarbell - June 27, 2021 at 07:57 PM

PL

“ Jim Reid, my brother in law, was a musician that was one of a kind.. pretty much self taught and he could play anything that anyone could sing to him. He had a little band that practiced down in the basement of their home. They added stuff on the walls so the acoustics were at a professional level. They were impressive. I don't know if it was an official name but my sister and I called them "The Cellar Dwellers." I'm quite sure he will be seated in First Chair at the heavenly band.

Pam Liscom, Alamo, Texas

Pam Liscom - June 27, 2021 at 12:08 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Service for James Reid



Bruce Dryer - June 26, 2021 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ Sharon
Keeping you and your family in our prayers during this difficult time.
Always cherish the many memories of life they sustain you during these times.

*John and CJ
Brummeler*

john brummeler - June 25, 2021 at 06:28 PM

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“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979 sends our deepest condolences to you Sharon, Angie, Liz and all of your family for the loss of your dear husband, father and grandfather. Also sending you all along much love strength and courage during this, your most difficult time. Peace to all 💜🕊️💜



Holly High School Class of 1979 - June 24, 2021 at 11:02 PM

LS

“ Lorilie, Mae and Steve Striggow purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Oran Reid.



Lorilie, Mae and Steve Striggow - June 24, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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“ From the Reid's of Texas - purchased the American the Beautiful for the family of James Oran Reid.



From the Reid's of Texas - - June 24, 2021 at 11:18 AM

Profile icon

“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Oran Reid.



June 23, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MG

“ *My deepest condolences to all of you.
Such wonderful memories of Jim, early on in
our lives with Angie. Such a kind and gentle
man, whom I'll remember.
Sending you all much love, strength and
courage during this most difficult time.
Peace* 🌸🕊️🌸



Marti Addis Goforth - June 23, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of James Oran Reid.*



June 22, 2021 at 08:33 PM

CN

“ I have so many vivid memories of the entire Reid family when we lived in Holly; their house was the place all the kids in the neighborhood hung-out at and visited on a regular basis. It was the first place any kid in the neighborhood could be found, and Jim and Sharron made everyone feel welcome and part of the family.

Even after moving out of Holly, I still staying in touch with the Reid's and often stopped by when I was in the area; many times sitting with Jim and Sharron talking shop for hours. Always uplifting and encouraging not matter what the subject. I truly cherish those days and value the lifetime relationship built. He always update me on the family, kids, grand kids; where they were, what they were up to and how proud he was of his family and all the things they were doing in life. A proud father and grandfather that deeply loved his family.

I will miss him dearly, but take comfort knowing I will see and speak with him again; talking shop when I see him in heaven.

Chris Needham

Chris L Needham - June 22, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LS

“ Sharon, Liz, Angela, Linda, Lauren and Lilly, I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband/dad/grandpa. He was so kind to my children and I when we watched the fireworks with him a few years ago. I know he had to be a truly incredible person to have been married to such a beautiful woman for so many years and to have raised such compassionate, wonderful children. I pray you find comfort and healing when you hear some of his favorites, Lara's Theme or In the Mood.



Thinking of and praying for you,

Liz Summers

Liz Summers - June 22, 2021 at 06:41 PM

KW

Dear Sharon I just saw this and I am so sorry for your loss.

KATHRYN S WILLIAMS - August 22, 2021 at 05:27 PM