



## James David Wilson

July 20, 1948 - November 7, 2021

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Jim, a loving father to Toni and his dogs, Mya, Nisha, and Max, succumbed to Diabetes on Sunday, November 7th, 2021. He was born July 20, 1948 at Lansing Sparrow Hospital to Marvin and Mary Wilson.

Jim was educated in Clawson for his elementary and junior high, before graduating High School from Cassopolis High School. Shortly after graduating, Jim broke his right femur in a water-skiing accident. He endured having his leg in traction and then a body cast for six months. Unfortunately, his leg didn't heal correctly, so the doctors inserted a steel rod to solidify the femur. When the leg healed, Jim tried to enlist in the Navy. The Navy rejected him due to the steel rod in his leg, along with poor eyesight and limited lung capacity. Three weeks later, Jim received but didn't open his draft notice from the Army. He took that to the Navy recruiter who changed his mind and Jim attended Great Lakes Naval Station. After graduating, Jim was stationed in South Carolina, Hawaii, and off the coast of Vietnam.

Jim was always thrilled with speedboats. He bought a Steury and made it one of the fastest on Diamond Lake in Cassopolis. He traded the boat for a hydroplane that needed some work. Jim fixed it up and the took it to local lakes near Pontiac. When he took off the muffler, it would go 100 mph flames coming out the exhaust, breaking all sound ordinances.

Jim took his love of boats and craftsmanship to work at Sea Ray Boats in

Oxford, Michigan. During his years there, he met and fell in love with Carol who would become his wife, married on a dock. Jim and Carol gave birth to Toni Michelle.

Jim left Sea ray to work at General Motors in Pontiac and Iowa, before working at Jabil. At every job, his bosses loved his dedication and quality of work.

In 1985, Jim and Carol purchased a home on Blue Water Drive in Holly. He became friends with everyone in the neighborhood He mowed their lawns, plowed their driveways, and helped on many home improvements projects. After Carol died, Jim bought an historic hydroplane and named it after Carol, he spent hours restoring the boat and running it on White Lake, and many other lakes near it. Jim also purchased two AKC German Shepherd Puppies, Mya, and Nisha. The latter gave birth to a boatload of puppies, including Max who would become his pal, accompanying Jim on many trips to the grocery store, drug store, bank etc.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Carol, his grandchildren Ricky and Veronica, his parents Marv and Mary Wilson, and his youngest brother Keith. A gravesite ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 13th at 11:00 am at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Waterford.

A reception will be held from 1:00-3:00 at Jim's home at 484 Bluewater Drive, Holly Michigan.

If you wish to make a contribution to honor Jim's life, please consider donating to the SemperFiFund which helps veterans from all branches of service at [www.semperfifund.com](http://www.semperfifund.com).

[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ottawa Park  
6180 Dixie Hwy.  
Clarkston, MI 48346

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Jim was such an amazing man and a wonderful neighbor always willing to help out! He will be truly missed. My heart goes out to his family!



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**Stephen Ghostley** - November 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CN

“ He was an extraordinary person, showing love and kindness to so many of us. He was the best friend anyone could hope to have. He is and will be sadly missed and never forgotten. A definite, painful void is left with his unexpected passing. My prayers for comfort and strength for his daughter, Toni

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**Carolyn Norman** - November 13, 2021 at 06:16 PM

PC

“ Jim has been a truly wonderful neighbor. We will miss him.



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**Percy and Denise Cash** - November 12, 2021 at 07:38 PM

LC

“ He was the oldest of all the cousins and will be greatly missed....love to all the family and big hugs wish I could be there!!  
Love Lisa and family

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**Lisa coleman** - November 10, 2021 at 06:36 PM

MH

“ Toni, I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful father. A trasured memory of you dad is sitting in a place of prominence in my living room. It is the beautiful sleigh that has the shiny new penny that dates the year in which it was made. He is such a craftsman, it is truly lovely. I always think of him when I see it! I have it up year-round . I remember the day I went to his home to pick it up and met all the new puppies, two of which are your dogs now❤️ Love you honey, you are in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Mary Huhtasaari** - November 10, 2021 at 05:15 PM