



## James David "Jimmi" Pawlowski

December 11, 1966 - May 28, 2020

PAWLOWSKI, James David "Jimmi". May 28, 2020. Age 53. Beloved husband of Shana for 25 incredible years. Loving father of Megan (Steve McGee), James (Kiersten Rezanka), and Theodore "Teddy". Proud and adored papaw of Austin and Faith. Cherished son of Gertrude and the late James. Loving brother of Stephen (Kathy), and Cheryl Braun. Fun and favorite uncle papa of Hailey, Anya, Ellie, Izzy, Reed, uncle Jimmi of Stephen, Tim, Joe, Pat, Rose, Michael, Jacob, Rachel, and uncle Jim of Emory, Avery, Kayden, Sawyer, Mia, Kylie, Marcus, Christian, and Jacob. Dear son in law of Allen (Judy) Mizer, and the late Carol Niemitalo. Loving brother in law of Alana (Matt) Plotnikiewicz, Chad Mizer, Nicholas (Justine) Mizer, Missy (Jeff) Sape, and Kerri Gauthier.

James loved to have a good time and tell jokes - he could make anyone laugh. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, shooting, listening to music, and spending as much time as he could with his family.

Visitation Sunday 3-9pm at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd. at Metro Parkway (16 Mile).

Funeral Mass Monday 11am at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 38775 Prentiss (Harrison Twp).

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

\*\*\*Please be advised that in observance of the governmental order from the State of Michigan we will be limiting funeral gatherings at the Funeral Home to

10 people at any one time. When in attendance at the Funeral Home & at Church we kindly ask, for the safety and well-being of the families we serve, that everyone practice social distancing & wear a mask\*\*\*

~I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'~

~Delmar Pepper

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Funeral Mass

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Hubert Catholic Church  
38775 Prentiss  
Harrison Twp., MI 48045

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James David "Jimmi" Pawlowski*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - May 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

“ My deepest condolences to his family and friends for their considerable loss of Jimmy. My husband and I were close friends with Uncle Jimmy in the 1980’s. That was the endearment we called him, Uncle Jimmy. What an adventure it was with him!! He lived life to its fullest and when he came to visit, we knew nothing would be boring. He arranged for us to even drive an actual train 🚂🚂🚂. It was a two-bagger train. He taught us that meant it was pulled by two engines. Who gets the opportunity to drive an actual train?!! 😊. Well around Uncle Jimmy things were always an adventure. He was always excellent at story telling and life was vibrant and fun when we were together. We’d trek into the woods and build a fire and cook some brats over the fire and have a few liquid refreshments and enjoy being in nature. Other times out came the guns or fishing poles and always a contagious laugh would be had. What’s next, what’s next? What would be around the next corner? Something fun for sure when Uncle Jimmy was with us. We’d rent a limousine and go to a Metallica concert or two in Detroit or go to Excalibur’s in downtown Chicago and dance and live it up! He had an old cruiser of a station wagon with wood paneling that we drove to Kentucky in. We rented a cabin and pontoon boat that you can see in the photos I posted and he made fun of my steering the boat with the Need Help sign. He was the captain of fun for sure! He didn’t need help. 🙌🙌 His path was clear and that was to enjoy life and show others how to live life fully!! One weekend we listened three days in a row, 24 hours non-stop, to only one cd by Depeche Mode featuring “Reach Out Touch Faith”. It was very memorable and faith was a big part of who Uncle Jimmy was...thank goodness too because he liked to express a wild streak that needed faith to ground him. Well grounding needed no more as he has lifted off to heaven. He will be a great Guardian Angel for his loved ones! I haven’t been in his life for many many years, but he does put wind in your sail that will last a lifetime! Bless you Jimmy for all the lives you positively touched and inspiring us the adventure forward with gusto and humor!





Joy Pond - July 31, 2020 at 02:50 PM

FJ

“ Jim had a very special way of communicating with people. There was always a sense of humor along with a positive vibe he conveyed. He was labeled "Mr Google" by his co-workers at Trenton Water Works. I met Jim at Trenton Water Works. Being interviewed by him was more like meeting a new friend. We got along very well in the short time that we worked together. I recall informing the gang there about a whale that swam all the way up the river several years ago and stayed there for a few weeks. Jim "googled" it and sure enough, he found the reports about the whale, a Beluga whale. The stories were endless that we all shared. We all worked well when Jim was at the helm. Ryan, Patrick, Tharon, James, Jason, myself and the other folks who helped turn an absolute mess of a plant around. Jim mentioned that he was getting back into beekeeping. He relayed that his father and uncle were beekeepers years ago. Being a beekeeper myself, Jim and I shared the passion for that. Lastly, but most importantly, Jim talked about the love of his son Teddy. Jim was very proud of the accomplishments of Teddy. I enjoyed watching videos of the cool projects Jim and Teddy did together. Jim will be missed but never forgotten. May god rest his soul.

Frank Janiec - June 01, 2020 at 07:23 AM

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**Rose Pawlowski** - May 31, 2020 at 09:24 PM

BV

*So sorry for you loss*

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**Bernadette Vesnaugh** - August 07, 2020 at 07:08 AM

EW

“ *James and his family spent many Christmas eves with my family. My mom especially liked having James and his family over, I gave her an excuse to make more food and have more people around To celebrate the holidays. We will all miss this guy.*

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**Ed Waszczenko** - May 31, 2020 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ I wasn’t as interested in hunting growing up, so I don’t have as many memories at Deer Camp as my brothers, but I certainly have some that I will always cherish. I remember growing up to Mackinaw Island as a kid, visiting the butterfly house, the stink of horse manure everywhere, spending hours with my brothers trying to throw a boomerang (always unsuccessfully), visiting the Fort to see the cannons fired, and thinking how cool it was that my uncle was able to live on this island. Although we weren’t able to visit Egypt, I remember my parents telling me all about the interesting place our Uncle Jimmy has traveled to for work, my dad looking up and reading information about the Great Pyramids in our encyclopedias and again thinking how cool it was my uncle could live there. Plus he brought back all kinds of cool trinkets for my brothers and I to enjoy. I remember running around during my uncles wedding, causing trouble but having the time of our lives. I don’t remember if it was Tim or Stephen that pushed me into there wedding cake, but I do remember the undeniable white stain on the elbow of my tuxedo jacket. I remember breaking into Negwegon State Park in the dead of night with his Cherokee and driving to the point on the beach as he said “only in a Jeep” and blared “Don’t Fence me in” on his stereo. The view of the waves crashing on the rocks when he finally turned on his headlights is one I still think about from time to time 20 some years later. I am blessed and thankful to have these memories and deeply saddened by the sobering reality there will be no new ones in the future. I take comfort in knowing that if my uncle made that much of an impression on me, he most certainly did on countless others as well.

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**Joe Pawlowski** - May 31, 2020 at 03:03 PM

HW

“ I remember my first time meeting Jim, Mike and I had just started dating and Shana had just given birth to James. I brought a carrot cake not realizing Jim was allergic to nuts. Jim just laughed it off and made me feel so comfortable. Jim's laugh and love for life was so big, and heart was even larger. He deeply loved his family, America, the outdoors, and did not at all mind showing a city girl- what he called "all books no street smarts- how to climb a hill in the wrong shoes to try and find the best morels.

*Rest In Peace, Jim. Your imprint on so many of us will remain forever. I am a better person to have known you.*

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**HEATHER WASZCZENKO** - May 30, 2020 at 11:41 PM

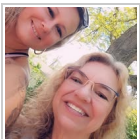
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**HEATHER WASZCZENKO** - May 30, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ We will treasure the times we went camping. Jimmi would always be the life of the party and make everyone laugh by telling his jokes. He had a way to make anyone feel welcomed. His laugh was contagious. He loved his family and would do anything for anyone. Shana and the kids and grandkids will have a special angel! Chuck & Michelle Buckland

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**Michelle Simila-Buckland** - May 30, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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**HEATHER WASZCZENKO** - May 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

DK

“ I first met Jim when I moved from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Battle Creek, Michigan for a new job back in 1989 when I was about 31 years old. Jim was about 23 years old. We worked at the Battle Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant with WW Operations. My first impression of Jim was that he was a very confident, outgoing person with a strong sense of what direction he wanted his life to take professionally. Our company would grow over the years along with name changes over the years. I would land up working at a wastewater treatment plants in Rockwood (in 1996) and Brownstown (in 2004), Michigan, and Jim would be my Regional Manager. Then Jim went to work with another company for a number of years and I would land up working for Wade Trim at the Rockwood Wastewater Plant in 2017. Come to find out Jim was already with Wade Trim. He would be my Regional Manager once again. Jim was always tough, but fair. He would always have kind words of encouragement and praise. In person he always had a smile when he greeted you. I know he is in a better place, I am just sad that he was taken from us at such a young age. My deepest sympathies go out to his brother Steve who I also had the opportunity to get to know through work, and the other members of Jim's family.

*David Kulju*

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**David Kulju** - May 30, 2020 at 05:59 AM

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Chris & Lisa Craffey - May 29, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ Chris & Lisa Craffey lit a candle in memory of James David "Jimmi" Pawlowski



Chris & Lisa Craffey - May 29, 2020 at 09:52 PM

MW

“ So many memories with each being special. Fishing, hunting, riding or any number of things, it didn't matter. He was the person I wanted to be around. I would always anticipate the next time we would get together. His larger than life personality gave all of us much happiness. I am blessed to have been part of his life.

Mike Waszczenko - May 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

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Mike Waszczenko - May 29, 2020 at 09:13 PM

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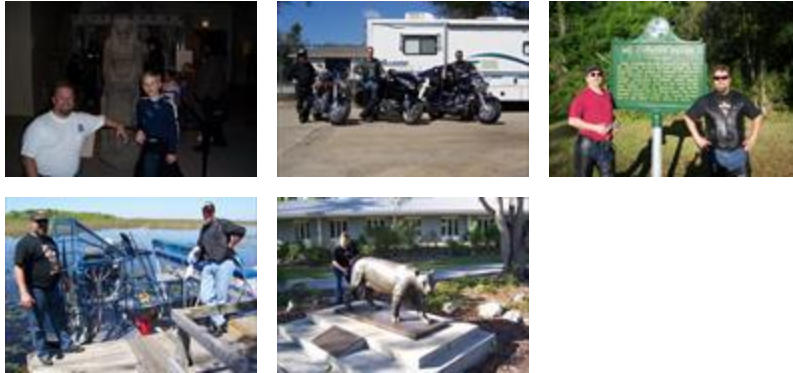
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pawlowskishana73 - May 29, 2020 at 07:22 PM

PA

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pawlowskishana73 - May 29, 2020 at 06:50 PM

LV

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Pawlowski family. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. The Vaccariello Family

Lori Vaccariello - May 29, 2020 at 06:40 PM

GH

“ I will cherish his wisdom, his sense of humor, and the love for his family and friends that always shined through. I always parted company with him with a smile on my face. May God grant peace to those he leaves behind, and welcome him to Heaven with "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

George Holzworth - May 29, 2020 at 03:47 PM

BR

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Bradley Rezanka - May 29, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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Bill Reedy - May 29, 2020 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ I enjoyed and appreciated the time spent with Jim riding motorcycles. The destination never mattered as much as the ride itself. His enjoyment of life was infectious. Jim will always have a place in my heart and memory.



Jim Columbo - May 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

BR

“ *Slice and Dice.....*

*When Jim and I were in our teens riding BMX bicycles together one of us would yell out “SLICE AND DICE” and that person would try to knock the other off their bike any way possible. Keep in mind we were not standing still....we were riding. So, this was as simple as riding up to the other person, turning hard and colliding shoulders to the more aggressive riding faster and trying to cut the other person off making them loose control when their front tire hit the others back tire. Yes, one of us usually ended up with some type of wound. So there was one time when I yelled out “Slice and Dice” and started riding faster hoping to cut him off. Well Jim wouldn’t have it and he started to peddle hard. “I went for the kill” and turned my bike in front of him but unfortunately he had gained ground on me and instead of cutting him off my foot and pedal ended up going right into the spokes of his front rim. We both ended up crashing to the ground but not before my pedal ripped out more than half his spokes rendering his bike useless.*

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**Bradley Rezanka** - May 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM