



James Patrick Watkins

JAN 11, 1936 - FEB 22, 2021



Scan to Visit

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 4



James Patrick Watkins

JAN 11, 1936 - FEB 22, 2021

James Patrick Watkins age 85 of Algonac, MI. passed away peacefully at the Medilodge of St. Clair. He was born January 11, 1936 in Port Huron, MI. to the late Thomas A. and Margaret (McCullough) Watkins.

James was an engineer most of his life working in military weapons and artillery, and for a short time lived in California working for Hughes Tool Co., and for RCA. He returned to Michigan in 1969 and worked for Vought Aerospace, and retired from General Dynamics.

He enjoyed visiting the Salt Flats in Utah, where he was proud to be on a team that held a land speed record for a gas-powered Mustang for 5 years. He loved the water and lived most of his life in the area.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his children Mary Jo Amey, Thomas (Cindy) Watkins of Algonac, Jim (Annette) Watkins of Warrenton, VA., Patti Kock Ogallala of NE., and Aaron Shaun (Judi) Watkins of Port Huron, grandchildren Damon (Melissa) Amey, Julie (Chris) Wahl, Nicholas (Marranda) LaDue, Thomas (Jeanne) Watkins Jr., Abu-Abdullah Caldwell, Chandra Caldwell, Adam (Christine) Watkins, Adam (Sharon) Carroll, Brandon Carroll, Kyle Carr, Tre Watkins, Ambreanna Bristol, Jaime (Andy) Lee, Rachel Watkins, and Michael Watkins, great grandchildren Brett, Chad, Conner, Sophia, Lila, Lincoln, Atlas, Austin, Serenity, Kyle, Joshua, Logan, Gavin, Tyshelle, Anthony, Miah, Jenna, Abdullah, and Ahmed, also survived by 3 step children and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years Brona Lee Watkins, a son Michael Watkins, a daughter Deborah Watkins, and a grandson Jonathon LaDue.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac.

www.gilbertfuneralhomeinc.com



Tribute Wall

James Patrick Watkins

JAN 11, 1936 - FEB 22, 2021

JB

John Bambusch posted:

I'd like to offer my condolences to Jim's family for their loss. I first met Jim and Brona many years ago when Jim had a bunch of rental houses. I had bought 2 or 3 of them over the years on land contracts, so I would see them every month when I would stop by their house on North River road to give them my payments. Over time I got to know them better and became casual friends. Jim was always working on something interesting, and he would occasionally come and help me with house repair problems. He just seemed to have a smile for me and he knew every aspect of repairing houses and was always willing to help or give me advice. Brona was a whiz on finance and would give me financial advice and tax strategies to help with my rental business. I will always appreciate them and their willingness to help other people. I hadn't seen Jim since Brona died, but I will miss him.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

DS

Debbie Sawdon posted:

Sending prayers out to the family. Mr. Watkins was gentle man with a fun loving spirit. Sorry for your loss.

April 11 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit