



Mr. James E. Diffin

December 14, 1938 - October 8, 2019

DIFFIN, MR. JAMES E.
Saginaw Township, MI

Our loving husband, father, brother and uncle passed away at his home on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, following a courageous cancer fight, with his loving family by his side. James Edward Diffin was born on December 14, 1938, in Port Huron, Michigan. He was predeceased by his loving parents, Robert and Marguerite (Keith) Diffin. Jim married Beverlee P. Forbes on December 20, 1974, and she survives him. Jim had served in the United States Army and Navy during the Korean War, and while in the service he was a P.O.W. Prior to his retirement, Jim was a Saginaw County Deputy Sheriff for 25 years. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where he had served on various boards. Jim's memberships, hobbies and pass-times included the Fraternal Order of Police - Saginaw Law Enforcement, past president of the Pulaski Club, and really enjoyed going up north to spend time with his brothers.

Surviving besides his wife, Bev, are their two daughters, Sabrina L. Diffin and Sara J. (Jesse) Cook; his brothers, William Diffin, Richard (Judy) Diffin, Robert Diffin; his in-laws, Judy (Mark) McKellar and David R. (Sue) Forbes; his mother-in-law, Edith A. Forbes; also several nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends, including special friends, James (Burr) and Dorothy Vedrode. Jim was also predeceased by his brother, Tommy Diffin, and his

father-in-law, Robert Forbes.

The Celebration of Jim's Life will be held 12:00 noon on Monday, October 14, 2019, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 Court St., Saginaw, Michigan. The Rev. James F. Krueger will officiate. In accordance with Jim's wishes, cremation will follow. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., in Saginaw, on Sunday, October 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and then at the church on Monday, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of Jim's service. Military Honors will be performed under the auspices of the United States Army and V.F.W. Carrollton Post #1859. Those wishing to express their sympathies are asked to consider memorial contributions to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Jim may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 Court St.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Military Funeral Honors Ceremony

OCT **14**. 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James E. Diffin*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mr. James E. Diffin*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James E. Diffin.*



October 14, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *Condolences to Jim's family. Jim was my friend, associate, fellow police officer, and a damn good man.
His handshake was his bond, while his smile, or his frown told his story.
Jim will be missed by many in the law enforcement community
Gods speed my friend
Pat Rudy*

Pat rudy - October 13, 2019 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ Dick and Judy, so sorry to see this. Jim was a joy to work with. Thoughts and prayers to you and the entire family. Unfortunately I will be out of town for the service.

Jim steele - October 10, 2019 at 12:05 AM

KZ

“ We will always remember enjoying the delicious food when Jim grilled at those special occasions we had the honor of attending...he was a wonderful cook and had such a great sense of humor. Know that he will be missed. His love for Bev and his family was very evident and will always be there for them. Our deepest condolences and continued prayers. Katherine F. and Linda Z.

Katherine Flickinger & Linda Zmarthie - October 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM

SM

Jim was a great man and great police officer. Jim was also my very first bailiff. He was great with people in the courtroom room, and someone who respected authority and had others respect him for the way he acted in my court room. He made sure I was priority number one and even left me with his favorite wooden baton. I always considered him a friend more so than my bailiff.

Saginaw Chief Judge Patrick McGraw - October 17, 2019 at 02:36 PM

CF

“ Jim was one of the finest Deputies I had the pleasure of serving with well over 20+ years. His laugh was contagious and his commitment to law enforcement was of the highest. I will always be proud to call him a friend.

Our condolences to Bev and Jim's family, unfortunately we will be out of state for his visitation. Our thoughts and hearts will be there in spirit. Jim, we will never forget the memory of your friendship. Rest in peace my Brother.

Chuck and Dee Frisby



Charles Frisby - October 09, 2019 at 03:45 PM

VO

Thoughts and prayers. Sorry for your loss.

Vic Ouellette - October 10, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Bev and family, so sorry for our loss of a very good man. He was always doing good for someone all the time. He wouldn't say no to anyone in need. He will be missed.

Dennis Kanary - October 09, 2019 at 02:53 PM

SR

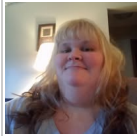
“ Jim was always a true professional and I enjoyed those years I worked with him at the Sheriffs Department. My sincere sympathies to his family.

Stephen Renico - October 09, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Condolences to the family. R.I.P. my friend.
Denny Mason

Denny Mason - October 09, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *I love you dad.*



Sara Cook - October 09, 2019 at 03:54 AM

SV

“ *Bev, Gods Peace & Blessings to you and your family*

Susan K Vitale - October 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM

DR

“ *Dan Reinhardt lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Diffin*



Dan Reinhardt - October 08, 2019 at 09:18 PM

WH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Bev, Sara, Sabrina and family! May God surround you with His peace and love. Treasure the memories of Jim and he will always be close by in your heart!*

*In Christ,
Walt and Norma Halfmann and Meredith Ackerman and family*

walter halfmann - October 08, 2019 at 09:16 PM

SB

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May God surround his family with his living embrace. A true friend to all.

Steve Bennett - October 09, 2019 at 12:32 PM

BD

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



beverlee diffin - October 08, 2019 at 09:13 PM

AE

Go photos of you two.

Al Easton - October 08, 2019 at 09:29 PM

BB

*Jim was a great guy to be around. Fascinating Stories of a Hero's life. You will be missed by many. It was a honor to work with you for the last many years and thanks for all the great haircuts as well
Godspeed Jim
Out Thoughts and prayers are with you Bev and family*

Brian & Kate Bailie

Brian Bailie - October 09, 2019 at 10:10 AM

SS

“ *Omg this is so sad I will miss jim at the club* ”



scott sayers - October 08, 2019 at 06:50 PM