



## James E. Hetzner

December 6, 1949 - March 8, 2026

Hetzner, Mr. James E.  
Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Barton Woods Assisted Living, Freeland, Michigan. Age 76 years. Jim was born on December 6, 1949, in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Elmer G. and Mildred M.M. (Pacholke) Hetzner. He was married to Carol Bartels on September 30, 1972, in Saginaw where she survives him. Prior to his retirement in 2008, Jim was employed at GM Powertrain for 39 years. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he was a Trustee and sang in the choir. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and was proud of his “going to do” list.

Besides his wife, Carol, Jim is survived by four children and their spouses, Jennifer Hetzner, Michael (Rania) Hetzner, Jonathan (April) Hetzner, and Daniel Hetzner; five grandchildren, Holdan, Gabe, Genevieve, Henry, and Harper; sister-in-law, Beth Bartels; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

He was also predeceased by two sisters, Janice Sowatsky and Marilyn Bloomfield.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Kelsey and the staff at Barton

Woods Assisted Living and Heart to Heart Hospice for the wonderful and heartfelt care they gave to Jim.

Funeral service will take place 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 808 Weiss St., Saginaw. The Rev. Gary Bender will officiate with burial in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Heart to Heart Hospice. Memories and sympathies of James may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

3356 Hermansau Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
808 Weiss St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to Carol, Jennifer and the rest of the Hetzner family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God Bless you all.*

*Valerie Sanders-Lewis  
Friend of Jen* □



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**Valerie Sanders-Lewis** - March 13 at 09:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E. Hetzner.

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March 12 at 05:29 PM

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“ *Najwa and John Shammas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James E. Hetzner.*



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**Najwa and John Shammas** - March 09 at 11:53 PM

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“ *Najwa and John Shammas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Hetzner.*

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**Najwa and John Shammas** - March 09 at 11:53 PM

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“ Susan P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E. Hetzner.

Susan P. - March 09 at 10:17 PM

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“ Jim was my Godfather  
Always kind caring and loving as I grew old  
He was my father's only nephew- they loved fishing and hunting,  
lots of stories!!  
I was able to spend some time with him when he was in the hospital  
a while back  
He had lost that spirit that was in his soul  
Broke my heart  
But now he's free of his sadness, no more pain, no more nasty  
tasting food  
Just able to see his mom and dad, his Unc Lyle even his sisters, oh  
yah and spend tell swapping stories  
Believe me you will be missed  
Sed you again someday



Susan Pacholke - March 09 at 10:06 PM