



James Earl Colby

September 5, 1943 - January 6, 2014

Age 70, passed away at his home on Monday, January 6, 2014. He was born September 5, 1943, in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Raymond and Dorothy (Randolph) Colby. On December 19, 1964, at Bethel United Church of Christ in Freedom Twp., he married Carol A. Guenther and she survives. Jim was a self-employed painting contractor for over 45 years. He was also a member of Bethel United Church of Christ and the Ann Arbor Moose Lodge #1253. He was an avid bowler for over 50 years. In addition to his wife, other survivors include his children, Kimberly (Vance) Swindoll and Jennifer and Teri Colby, grandchildren, Anthony and Kendra Colby, Aaron and Kristen Timlake and Adam and Alexis Colby, great-grandson, Jaccari James and sisters, Phyllis (Bill) Braun and Barbara Welton and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, David and Gary Colby. Visitation will be on Thursday, January 9, 2014, from 2:00-8:00 P.M at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline and at Bethel United Church of Christ in Freedom Twp. on Friday, January 10, 2014, from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. David Bucholtz, officiating. Cremation will follow the services. There will be a Moose Pilgrim memorial service held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church, or the Ann Arbor Moose Lodge #1253. Envelopes will be available at the funeral and the church. To sign Jim's guestbook, to leave a memory or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel United Church of Christ
10425 Bethel Church Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158
<http://www.bethelonthehill.org/ContactUs/tabid/62104/Default.aspx>

Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel United Church of Christ

10425 Bethel Church Rd.

Manchester, MI 48158

<http://www.bethelonthehill.org/ContactUs/tabid/62104/Default.aspx>

Tribute Wall



“ *James Earl Colby*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Here we are over a year since God wanted you as an Angel. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you. I still wait for you to call an miss you every time I'm at the moose. LOVE YOU DAD AN MISS YOU SO MUCH*

Jennifer Colby - April 02, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Jim was always a dedicated Moose member & will be greatly missed. Marlene Simpson Widow of Pilgrim Roger Simpson Benton Harbor*

Marlene Simpson - January 11, 2014 at 04:07 PM



“ *Dad,I love you an miss you so much.please give Mom an us the strength to get threw all of this,U left us to soon but i know I have a new angel looking over Mom,Anthony,Kendra ,me an your Great grandson. No man can ever take your place, Miss you Dad an love always. R.I.P, Just hope you an Lewis are getting ready for the rest of us an thats why you left so soon..*

Jennifer Colby - January 11, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ Jennifer Colby lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Jennifer Colby - January 11, 2014 at 02:55 PM

MM

“ Jim was a great inspiration to me. Many years ago he was the Chairman For Community Service that allowed me to get involved with Special Olympics. I really appreciate all the help he has given me. My wife Carol and I will truly miss him.
Milo Moreno

Milo Moreno - January 11, 2014 at 08:29 AM

MD

“ Carol, Sorry we could not be with you and your family at this time. We truly love Jim and will remember all the good times over the years with both of you and the kids. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family all week.
Monnie and Mary

Monnie and Mary Dunn - January 11, 2014 at 08:25 AM

SH

“ Carol and Family: Words cannot express how sad I am at the news of Jim's passing. He was a truly kind man and I consider myself lucky to have known him. He was a loyal Moose member through and through and it will be impossible to replace him. Fraternalists such as he was are hard to come by. May he rest in peace.

Stacy Herrmann, Moose International

Stacy Herrmann - January 10, 2014 at 03:42 PM

CL

“ Charles Vernon Lewiston,MI lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Charles Vernon Lewiston,MI - January 09, 2014 at 11:14 PM

CV

“ So very sorry to learn of Jim's passing. His loyal and dedicated service to his Lodge,state and International services will be missed. Out hearts go out to you Carol and the family.

Charles Vernon - January 09, 2014 at 11:14 PM

WM

“ Wendy Matthew lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Wendy Matthew - January 09, 2014 at 10:20 PM

WM

Carol; my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of a wonderful man. It was a privilege to know him. May he rest in peace. Wendy Matthew, Chatham, ON

Wendy Matthew - January 09, 2014 at 10:24 PM

WM

“ Carol, my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of a wonderful man. It was a privilege to know him. May he rest in peace. Wendy Matthew, Chatham, ON

Wendy Matthew - January 09, 2014 at 10:17 PM

RA

“ Dear Carol & Family;
Our deepest sympathy on the lose of a husband, Father,
Grandfather, Great Grandfather and a true fraternalist.
Jim will be missed as an inspiration to us all through his celebration
of life.
May our Lord and savior watch over each of you, and may your
"Moose" family protect you.
With all good wishes, I remain,
Rollie Abell
Chief Justice, Supreme Forum
Moose International

Rollie Abell - January 09, 2014 at 12:29 PM

BK

“ Bob Knowles lit a candle in memory of James
Earl Colby



Bob Knowles - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 PM

BK

"A man with a very strong commitment that I will remember forever."

Bob Knowles - January 09, 2014 at 12:04 PM

SB

“ Carol, my prayers are with you and your
family. Jim was a true Moose member and
always there to help. He will be greatly
missed by all.

Sharon Bigwood



Sharon Bigwood - January 09, 2014 at 10:03 AM

BB

“I remember when Rose and I were invited to an enrollment at Ann Arbor Lodge. It was our first time there, and my first speaking opportunity. He made us feel so welcome, and we had such a good time. Thank you Jim. God surely did bless us with a good man, and a good Moose.”

Bob Bull - January 09, 2014 at 09:23 AM

LF

“My thoughts and prayers go out to the Colby family, I've known Jim for many years through the Moose and he bowled next me on Monday nights at colonial lanes. He was always fun to talk to and tease with.. Sincerely Linda Fuller

Linda Fuller - January 09, 2014 at 01:09 AM

CB

“Dear Carol and Family: My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Jim was a devoted Moose member and friend who will be missed by many. Memories will keep you going.

Carole Bouchard

Carole Bouchard - January 09, 2014 at 12:29 AM

WM

“I'm so very sorry for your loss. I'm sure your loved one will be dearly missed. Please know that God is always there when we need him. At Revelation 21:4 God promises to wipe out every tear from their eyes and even death will be no more. I hope this verse brings you and your family some much needed comfort.

w. murray - January 08, 2014 at 11:17 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Colby Family Uncle Jim Will be missed.*

Bryan Guenther - January 08, 2014 at 11:04 PM

DN

“ *Carol we are so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a wonderful man!*

Roger and Diane Newman



Diane Newman - January 08, 2014 at 07:32 PM

GC

“ *So sorry for your loss ,he will be missed by many. George and Ginny Clay*

Ginny Clay - January 08, 2014 at 05:31 PM

JS

“ *One of the great men I've had the pleasure of knowing in this life time. U did a great job Jim. With all our love Jim Sweet.*

James Sweet - January 08, 2014 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ *So many wonderful memories that I will cherish of my Uncle Jim. What a wonderful, loving and giving man that loved life, may you rest in eternal peace.*

Comfort and prayers to Aunt Carol, Kim, Jennifer, Teri and their families.



Sue Brus - January 08, 2014 at 02:24 PM

PH

“ *Carol and Family, we are sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers
Pauline and Gary Haywood*

Pauline and Gary Haywood - January 08, 2014 at 02:01 PM

CK

“ *Chris Keehl lit a candle in memory of James
Earl Colby*



Chris Keehl - January 08, 2014 at 11:16 AM

CK

*Rest in Peace Jim, your long journey has come to an end. May your
family find solace in knowing that you are with the Lord.*

Chris Keehl - January 08, 2014 at 11:18 AM

TL

“ Jim Colby was a great man. I have not met many people in my lifetime who were as genuinely friendly, caring, dedicated, and helpful as Jim Colby. Jim was always willing to listen and offer solutions to anyone who needed his advice. Though he could have spoken for days on all the good he has done, I never heard him speak a word of it, and when he did speak of it, it was always we, not I. A rare quality in today's world. He was the shining star of what being a Moose is all about, our poster child. My dad and I always looked forward to convention time and playing Euchre with Mr. Colby and sharing their war stories of bowling and softball tournaments past, always best when Ray Lewis was in on the conversation too. My sympathy goes out to the Colby family for such a great loss and to the Moose world, we lost a great one and he will be missed. God bless you Jim.

Tom Long
Taylor 887

Tom Long - January 08, 2014 at 10:01 AM

FL

“ FROM THE MELVINDALE MOOSE LODGE
lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



FROM THE MELVINDALE MOOSE LODGE - January 08, 2014 at 09:52 AM

CP

“ I had the privilege and honor to serve with James on the Supreme Forum of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was a great Moose and could serve as an excellent role model for anyone. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family in the difficult days ahead. May he rest in peace in the bosom of our Lord.

Chris Perry & Libby Perry

Chris Perry - January 08, 2014 at 08:55 AM

LR

“ I never met Jim's family, but I knew Jim years ago at Purchase Radio Supply where he used to come in for radio and tv parts for his father Ray. He was always so polite and easy to wait on. May your family be proud of him and i;m sorry of his passing . God Bless you all and may he rest in peace.
Leroy Reichenberger Saline,Michigan



Lee Reichenberger - January 08, 2014 at 08:21 AM

CA

“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing.

Chuck Altmann - January 08, 2014 at 07:21 AM

RV

“ Richard And Carrol VandenBosch lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Richard and Carrol VandenBosch - January 07, 2014 at 10:51 PM

CJ

“ *Clay Jerke lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby*



Clay Jerke - January 07, 2014 at 10:04 PM

CJ

may you rest in eternal peace and may perpetual light shine up on you

Clay Jerke - January 07, 2014 at 10:05 PM

CQ

“ *Carol Quinn lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby*



carol quinn - January 07, 2014 at 09:19 PM

RT

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Jim's family. He will be missed !*



Russ & Sue Taylor - January 07, 2014 at 09:10 PM

DK

“ *Out thoughts and prayers are with you. Darryl and Kolleen Kuebler*

Darryl kuebler - January 07, 2014 at 09:05 PM

JC

“ JERRY COLE lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



JERRY COLE - January 07, 2014 at 08:29 PM

DF

“ Diane (Bell) Fortier lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Diane (Bell) Fortier - January 07, 2014 at 08:26 PM

DF

“ My Condolences to the Colby Family, I have known Jim for many years through my Dad Lyle Bell who was a life time member at the Ann Arbor Moose Lodge. Jim was a Great man and had a Heart of gold, especially when it came to children. When my Daughter Jessica was very ill and before she passed away and was at Motts Children`s Hospital in Ann Arbor Jim always made it a point to come and see her when ever she was there and put a smile on her face. Jim will forever have a Special place in my Heart. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Diane (Bell) Fortier

Diane (Bell) Fortier - January 07, 2014 at 08:23 PM

SB

“ To Carol & Family, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My prayers will be with you all in the days ahead. May God give you comfort during this time.

Sally Tase Bradshaw



Sally Tase Bradshaw - January 07, 2014 at 08:05 PM

PF

“ Pat Ferullo lit a candle in memory of James Earl Colby



Pat Ferullo - January 07, 2014 at 08:04 PM

PF

Jim will always be remembered for his kind smile and gentle nature. I am so very sorry for you loss.

pat ferullo - January 07, 2014 at 08:06 PM

CH

“ ...my "home away from home", and my hideout when troubled! My little safety net.

Ummm,,,mine and Kims crazy entertainment! Thank you soooo much Jim...Carol, Kim, Jennifer and Terri! Love you all!

~Chery

Chery - January 07, 2014 at 07:57 PM

TA

“ Colby family, in this time of sorrow, I hope you can all find peace.
Bless you all. Tammy Christie

tammy - January 07, 2014 at 06:44 PM

MG

“ Margie Gonzales lit a candle in memory of
James Earl Colby



Margie Gonzales - January 07, 2014 at 06:34 PM

DP

“ Debbie Palmer lit a candle in memory of
James Earl Colby



Debbie Palmer - January 07, 2014 at 05:30 PM



I still can't believe this is true Rest in Peace my friend.

Debbie Palmer - January 07, 2014 at 05:32 PM

TM

“ Jim was always friendly yet professional to us at the Moose, we
really thought well of him! Tony and Pam Martin

Tony and Pam Martin - January 07, 2014 at 04:14 PM



*Jim was always a good friend and one of my husbands favorite euchre partners at conventions and anywhere there was a table. *

Linda Tallman

Linda Tallman - January 08, 2014 at 07:19 AM