



James J. Girdis

June 23, 1942 - December 6, 2015

Age 73, passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at his home. He was born June 23, 1942 in Rochester, NY, the son of John and Martha (Nevel) Girdis. On February, 20, 1965 in Rochester, NY, he married Joyce Castner and she survives. Jim's greatest love was his family and especially grandchildren. He also enjoyed dirt bikes, Harleys, snowmobiling, and music. Jim's career as electrical engineer for Ford Motor Company spanned many years. Survivors in addition to his wife include their children Denise (David) Garcia, and Todd J. Girdis. Other survivors include his grandchildren Grant and Lauren Garcia, Elise and Sofia Girdis, nieces Carol (David) Ker, Pamela (Dean) Fenton, and Gayle Cowger, great-niece Courtney Ker, great-nephew Clinton (Amber) Palermo, cousins, and many dear friends who were also family. Jim was preceded in death by his parents. His family would like to express their gratitude to Arbor Hospice and Dr. Donald Martin. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church Saline, 1200 North Ann Arbor Street, with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle officiating. Following a luncheon, burial will take place at the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline at 2:15 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Kettering University (GMI) or to Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and on Friday, December 11, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. To sign Jim's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions

please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

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

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Funeral Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James J. Girdis*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *"It was a special experience working with Jim, meeting him at Ford, being a supplier, laboring on very demanding emission systems, such as introducing the oxygen sensor. I felt treated and welcomed like a friend, Jim, always friendly, open for finding solutions.*

We are so sorry, mourning with Joyce and her family on this great loss.

Jim will be remembered as a dear friend, our thoughts are with him and his family.

Elfi and Wolfgang Georg Funkler, Stuttgart"

Wolfgang Funkler - December 13, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ *Jim was my first supervisor when I hired into Ford. He was the best-natured, even tempered boss. I'm very grateful for the guidance he provided when I was a young engineer and I'm sorry for the family's loss.*

Barb Yagley - December 10, 2015 at 08:35 PM

WW

“ It was an honor to have worked with Jim over many years at Ford Motor Company. After retirement, it was always great to be with Jim at the monthly Powertrain Retiree lunches over the past 10 years. Sheila and I always enjoyed being with Jim and Joyce at the annual New Years Day parties. Jim will be greatly missed.

Wally and Sheila Wade

Wally and Sheila Wade - December 10, 2015 at 02:58 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of James J. Girdis



Karen - December 10, 2015 at 10:37 AM

PB

“ Patrick Byrne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James J. Girdis.



Patrick Byrne - December 10, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James J. Girdis.



December 09, 2015 at 10:42 AM

SM

“ *Scott and Stefanie Morrison purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James J. Girdis.*



Scott and Stefanie Morrison - December 09, 2015 at 08:42 AM

JC

“ *It was such an honor to work with Jim for so many years at Ford. He was such an asset to Ford as an engineer and supervisor. Always happy and positive and upbeat and understanding. Outside of work Jim was a great friend always available to help out and give advice. Florence and I always enjoyed getting together with Joyce and Jim for a fun and relaxing time. We will miss him greatly.*

John and Florence Carnago

John Carnago - December 08, 2015 at 07:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James J. Girdis.*



December 08, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James J. Girdis.*



December 08, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James J. Girdis.*



December 08, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jim was a good friend and a musician who I met in the Saline New Horizons Band. He and I would work on the "tenor sax" parts together. He and Joyce had been to our home in Saline and we all became better acquainted which turned in to a friendship that is cherished by both Jeanne and I. We will miss seeing Jim and I will miss playing sax along side him...but our friendship remains strong. Our thought and prayers are with Jim and Joyce now and always..*

Dave & Jeanne McDonagh - December 08, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Jim was a wonderful man, he will be missed by everyone that touched his life. Our prayers are with Joyce and the family*



Chuck and Sandy Ross - December 08, 2015 at 12:16 PM

KW

“ I only knew Jim for a few years when I first started at Ford Motor Company. I really enjoyed the time working together. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim and his family. God Bless.
-Karl Wojcik

Karl Wojcik - December 08, 2015 at 11:33 AM

KS

“ With Caring Thoughts of Sympathy for you and your Family. Todd though i did not know your father I know he is a special man my deepest condolences to you and your family. The ones we love remain with us, for love itself lives on, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in your hearts. My prayers are with you.
Karen Snapp



Karen Snapp - December 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

BP

“ Jim was a great guy. We met him through my cousin, Dave Huck, who was a co-worker and close friend of Jim's. With many of the same interest, motorcycles and music, we hit it off very well. We were fortunate enough to enjoy quite a few Harley rally's with Jim, traveling to many places like Memphis and out to Sturgis South Dakota. It was always a great time.
Joyce, we send our condolences to you and your family. Jim was a wonderful man. We will miss him and always think of him fondly.
Kind regards, Brian & Gail Patterson

Brian & Gail Patterson - December 08, 2015 at 06:29 AM

TF

“ *The Tschippert and Warner Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James J. Girdis.*



The Tschippert and Warner Families - December 07, 2015 at 06:44 PM

CE

“ *Sending prayers and strength for you and your family. Jim was a wonderful man and will be deeply missed.*
Carol Aletha and Dallas Eberle and Nancy Jedele

Carol Eberle - December 07, 2015 at 11:12 AM

DM

“ *The world has lost a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce, Denise, Todd and their family and friends! Dawn & Bill Martin*

Dawn Martin - December 07, 2015 at 06:12 AM