



## James Edward Kessler

May 2, 1942 - March 28, 2026

James Edward Kessler, age 83, of Saline, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, March 28th, 2026 surrounded by his family. Jim was born on May 2, 1942 to the late Martha (Ascherl) and Edward Kessler. He graduated from Romulus High School in 1960 and served in the US Army (Georgia and Vietnam) from 1964 to 1966. Jim is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia (Cuddy) Kessler; his three sons, Mike Kessler (Serena) of Ann Arbor, Sean Kessler (Kristine) of Ann Arbor, and Jamie Kessler (Melissa) of Chicago; and his four grandchildren, Hobbs Kessler, Natalie Kessler, Arabella Kessler, and Adrianna Kessler. He is also survived by his sister Linda Halford. He was preceded in death by siblings Edwina Fick and John Kessler.

Jim retired from Detroit Edison in 1999 after working for 30 years as a field technician. Mechanically inclined, he was known as a trouble-shooter and the guy who could fix anything and help anyone. He enjoyed hunting and fishin – and all things John Deer. He took pride in his lawn and his garden, loved spending time with his grandchildren, going up north to the cottage, and making his friends and family laugh (or groan) at his jokes.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, April 4th, 2026 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Allen Kannapell officiating. Following the service burial will take place in the Oakwood

Cemetery in Saline. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Veteran's Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. A luncheon will also be held at Dan's Downtown Tavern following the Graveside Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to Fisher House Michigan, PO Box 130466, Ann Arbor, MI 48113 <https://www.fisherhousemichigan.org/> or to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Ste 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5819 <https://parkinsonsmi.org/support/#donatenow> To leave a memory you have of Jim, to sign his online guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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APR 4. 12:20 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 W Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

## Military Honors

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# Tribute Wall



“ ` purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of James Edward Kessler.



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` - April 03 at 11:58 AM

“ I met Mike in the seventh grade, and many of my memories of Mr. Kessler go back 35–45 years. When Mike and I were around 12 or 13, I remember Mrs. Kessler making cookies for a birthday party and catching Mike trying to sneak one. A couple of minutes later, Mr. Kessler came out of the house with both hands full of cookies, sharing them with us and offering a wry smile as he said, “Sometimes you gotta know how to play it smooth when you’re dealing with women.”

Another memory is from when we were about 16 or 17 at the family’s cabin up north. He challenged each of us to an arm wrestling contest, and although he let me win, he made me work incredibly hard for it. It turned into an epic match that lasted close to ten minutes, with all his sons watching and cheering us on. Looking back, I’m sure he did it partly for our amusement, and partly just to make the moment memorable — which it was.

When Mike and I moved into our college freshman dorm, Mr. Kessler showed up with a toolbox and a pile of wood. Somehow, in less than an hour, he built our loft beds. I told him, “Wow, that was like magic,” and he replied, “I’m not a magician. I’m an electrician.”

I always appreciated his sense of humor, his kindness, and the steady, quiet way he helped those around him. If a large part of life is about doing good for others and using your skills to make a positive impact, Mr. Kessler absolutely succeeded. He made a lasting impression on me, and I’m certain many others who were fortunate enough to know him feel the same.

My condolences to his family, friends, and all who were close to him.

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Eric Pear - April 03 at 08:19 AM



“ We lost a good one. Jim's morals and values withstood the test of time . He was kind and fun. Pat, my prayers 🙏 go out for your family . It was always obvious that he loved you

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**Paula Bragg** - April 02 at 08:05 PM



“ My condolences to your family ... thank you for his military service, Mike , I can see how you have achieved so much, glad to be along the journey in your elementary days.  
May you all feel the goodness of memories during this difficult time with this loss .

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**Ruth Lockwood** - April 02 at 06:51 PM



“ Jim was a tremendous good guy. We fished with him and shared laughs with his boys . Jim was an amazing Mr Fixit and was always willing to show up and help solve a repair problem. We will miss him and we a could be more like him in some way!  
RIP Big Jim.

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**Ron Olson** - April 02 at 06:33 PM



“ Many fond memories at his house as a friend of his son. He was kind and humorous, trusting and wise. I always felt welcomed - not because I was a friend of his son but because I was a human. I recall him frequently tinkering on his truck. I looked up to and respected him. Condolences to his family.

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**John Blum** - March 31 at 08:55 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear husband and father.  
Dan, Marie Hebert & Family*

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**Friends of Tom & Linda** - March 30 at 02:28 PM

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“ *4 files added to the album Family Pictures*



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**Stephen Robison** - March 29 at 06:51 PM