



## James L. Levleit Sr.

April 24, 1933 - April 4, 2012

Age 78, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 while on vacation in Florida. Jim was born April 25, 1933 in Saline, MI, the son of Daniel and Lucille (Schill) Levleit. On December 8, 1956, he married Bonnie Howard and they celebrated nearly 56 years of a loving and happy marriage. Jim was very proud to have served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and was stationed in Germany. After returning from the war, Jim came home to help at the Levleit's Bishop Rd. farm. In the early 1950's the City of Saline hired Jim, first as a police officer, later promoting him as the Chief of Police. During his esteemed career in law enforcement, Jim earned his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Siena Heights College. Following college he went to the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. Upon retiring from the Saline Police Department, Jim was hired as the City Administrator of Saline, a position he held until 1989. After this second retirement, he went to work in real estate with the Brookshire Association, remaining active in real estate until the time of his death. Jim was successful in all of his endeavors, especially enjoying the lasting friendships made with his coworkers. He loved family gatherings, and his grandchildren brought him extra special joy. A notable favorite memory was Jim fixing big breakfasts with the help of his granddaughter Jordan. Jim was a life-long member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saline, a member of the Saline American Legion, and he belonged to many other charities and organizations. In addition to his wife Bonnie, other survivors include his three children, Sandra Hickey of Saline, James Louis

(Sherry) Levleit, Jr. of Milan and Patti (Ryan) Robinson of Hilton Head Island, SC; three grandchildren, Jason (Melissa) Vest, Scott Mast and Jordan Robinson; great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Hertler; brother, Daniel (Gerry) Levleit of Portage Lake, and sister Jeanne (Larry) Carr of Kentucky. There are also many nieces and nephews whom Jim loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Maurice (Dottie) Levleit, David Levleit, sister, Joanne (Bob) Hinsch and his step-mother, Melinda Levleit. Memorial Visitation will be Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saline, from 10:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:00 AM with Pastor William Natsis and Pastor Mark Smith officiating. Immediately following the Memorial Service, there will be a military flag presentation, under the auspices of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions are requested to the Church and Saline Area Social Services. Envelopes will be available.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
195 East Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
195 East Michigan Avenue  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall



“ *James L. Levleit Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I will remember Jim out in the front yard working on something with Jordan by his side helping him. How he loved that little girl!!! From the time she was little to him teaching her to ride a bike. She was the apple of his eye!! I'm sure you all have lots of good memories of him, he was a nice man. I am so sorry for your loss Bonnie, I know how hard it is to lose your husband. May he remain forever in your heart. God Bless you all with peace and love for each other.*  
*Pam Lewis(neighbor)*

**Pam Lewis** - April 26, 2012 at 02:07 AM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James L. Levleit Sr..*



April 23, 2012 at 12:21 PM



“ *Dear Jim, Bonnie and Family,  
We love you very much.  
God Bless You  
Betty, Ed and Chuck Cammet*



**Betty Cammet** - April 22, 2012 at 01:55 PM

SG

“ *Lit a candle for my Uncle Jim Levleit. We will miss you so much!*  
*Shary Levleit Gaunt*



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**Shary Levleit Gaunt** - April 20, 2012 at 09:23 PM

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“ *Jim Levleit "Chief" was one of the most serious persons I ever worked, when I was on the Saline PD. However looking back, I learned more about police work from Chief Levleit than any other person I worked with. Chief you will be deeply missed. My sympathy to your family.*

*Sergeant, Retired, W. Roger Stielow*  
*Washtenaw County Sheriff Department*

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**William Roger Stielow** - April 20, 2012 at 02:00 PM

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“ *Barbara Schmid Losee lit a candle in memory of James L. Levleit Sr.*



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**Barbara Schmid Losee** - April 19, 2012 at 06:23 PM

MS

“ *My heartfelt sympathy for your loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle or friend. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish your memories as they remain in your heart forever.*

*Marilyn Anderson (wife of the late Ralph W. Anderson), Saline, Mi*

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**Marilyn Anderson, Saline** - April 19, 2012 at 02:35 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Anderson, Saline lit a candle in memory of James L. Levleit Sr.*



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**Marilyn Anderson, Saline** - April 19, 2012 at 02:30 PM