



James "Jim" Edward Gillespie

April 26, 1971 - June 16, 2025

James Edward Gillespie, 54 of Kalkaska formerly of Mackinac Island passed away unexpectedly at home on Monday, June 16, 2025. He was born to the late Deane and Dorothy (Perault) Gillespie, Sr., on April 26, 1971, in Petoskey, Michigan.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and bird hunter. Jim loved to spend time with his family and friends at Mackinac Island, he worked on Mackinac for many years driving horses. He was a member of the Sault Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kalkaska. Jim is survived by his loving fiancée Cheryl Gustafson; children Kathryn (Ben) Rankin-Delaney, Amanda Gillespie, Christopher Gillespie, Ayla (Dillon) Pinney, and Gunnar (Taletha) Gustafson; grandchildren Bodi, Wyatt, Krystal, Peyton; siblings Florence Gillespie-Cardinal, and Laurel Gough; a brother-in-law Jack Dehring, Jr.

He was preceded in passing by an infant daughter, Emma, a sister Dorothy Ann Dehring, a brother Deane Gillespie Jr., and brother-in-law Reginald Gough.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 3:00 p.m. with a visitation beginning 2:00 p.m. at church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church pavilion fund.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

Orange Twp. , MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2470 Beebe Rd. NW
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Service

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Edward Gillespie.*



June 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *What priceless memories of times spent with "Jimmy" on The Island. Whether it was passing him coming down the Grand Boulevard, @ Jack's or Cindy's or at the OP or Horn's he always had an infectious smile. You left us way too early Jimmy but you sure touched our hearts while you were here. See you on the other side buddy.*

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“ *Lisa And Ozzie Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Edward Gillespie*



Lisa and Ozzie Smith - June 19, 2025 at 02:26 PM