



James Robert Hoogesteger

February 14, 1926 - March 1, 2017

James Robert Hoogesteger, 91, of Traverse City, passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City. Born on February 14, 1926 in Grand Rapids, he was the son of the late Cornelius and Esther (Snyder) Hoogesteger. James graduated from Wayne State University in 1951. He married Dorothy Jane Congo on May 9, 1953 in Northville. James and Dorothy moved to Traverse City in 1958 where they made their home. He was the co-owner and general manager of Mesick and Northern Telephone Cos. from 1958 to 1976. He was owner and operator of a consulting engineering firm, EMI and worked as a senior engineer for George Orphan and Associates and for Con Edison in New York City. He joined the University of Michigan as a senior engineer in 1984 and worked there another 16 years. James was a volunteer for fifty years in the Boy Scouts of America, and was honored with the Boy Scouts' Silver Beaver award in 1974. He volunteered with the Wexford County EMS for 12 years. In 2000 James decided it was time to retire. In retirement, he served on the Traverse City Light and Power board. James is survived by his children, Robert James Hoogesteger of Traverse City, Richard Neil Hoogesteger of Hopkins, MN, Susan Maree (Frederick) Keeslar of Cedar and John Charles (Denise) Hoogesteger of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Reagan Maree Hoogesteger and Frederick James Keeslar. James was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy. Funeral services will be held on March 18th at 2:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska. Visitation will begin at noon. Burial will be

at Boardman Twp. Cemetery in the spring. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America Scenic Trails Council, 1499 Business Park Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686 or the United Methodist Church in South Boardman, 4915 Dagle St SW, South Boardman, MI 49680. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Hoogesteger*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *James Robert Hoogesteger*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *I missed that Jim had passed. I will always treasure the great conversations we had. He loved to educate people, shared many books with me, including several in my home library. He had very unique views, at first I thought were crazy but the longer I knew him the more I appreciated and understood his views. Much of his advice has held true and am grateful I listened. Anyway, few people come into our lives that have such a profound impact and Jim was one of them. Grateful he was part of my life.*

Beth Dole - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss my yearly tax conversation with Mr. Hoogesteger very much. He was a long time client of McCartney & Company (now Maner Costerisan) and I worked with him every year since 1981. He was always a pleasure to talk to and work with and will miss him. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Kelli Parker - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Robert Hoogesteger*

Amanda DenBoer - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Uncle Jim, You were the last of the "Big Three" - Mom, Aunt Ruth, and you. I am glad I got to hear some of your many stories, and sad that there won't be more. You were a big influence in my personal, as well as professional life. The world lost another 'natural born' teacher March 1. Smooth sailing, and may your lines always be static free. Nephew Tom Latimer

Thomas Latimer - March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. May prayer comfort you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray constantly."

March 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ To Bob, Dick, Susan and John Charles and the rest of the Hoogesteger/Keeslar clan: Our deepest sympathy to you all. Uncle Jim was a good brother to Helen and Ruth. A good son to Esther and Cornelius and a great Storyteller. We will miss him. Love, Maureen, Bill, Matt, Jess and Dan Passalacqua

Maureen - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy to your family at such a difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find some comfort and peace from the God of all comfort.

DD - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear about your loss, Bob. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Lori Hoadley - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Bob and family - we are so sorry for the loss of your father. Sincerely, Deborah (Davis) McKenzie and Bud McKenzie

Deborah McKenzie - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Bob, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you through this difficult time.

Dawn - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM