



# James Charles Mason

November 12, 1949 - January 22, 2026

James Charles “Jim” Mason, November 12, 1949 to January 22, 2026. Jim was born in Glen Arbor, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Mason and Lorraine Olsen Mason. He was the eldest of three children, including brother Tom Mason and Sister Joan Otte. Jim is survived by sons Zachary Mason and Corey Mason, and five grandchildren; Nanea, Brody, Mia, Maddy and Ren.

Jim was the owner of both Mind’s Eye Photo and Third Eye Images camera shops in Big Rapids and

then in downtown Traverse City for more than 25 years. For many years he was also the photographer for local youth sports teams including YMCA soccer, Little League baseball, and hockey. His main interests included Detroit muscle cars, which started with his 1966 Chevelle SS, fishing, and classic rock, including Bob Dylan, Seger and the Boss. More than anything Jim loved watching his

sons grow up playing sports in Northern Michigan and spending time traveling to camera shows or soccer tournaments with them.

Jim always enjoyed a road trip, and especially loved driving the backroads of Leelanau County where he was raised and his ashes will be spread. He will be most remembered for his strong moral compass, dedication to family, as well as his quick wit and dry sense of humor.

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