



James R. Harpest

May 4, 1940 - January 21, 2016

James R. Harpest, 75, of Wapakoneta, formerly of Shelby Co., died 8:35 p.m., Thurs. Jan. 21, 2016, at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Care Center. He was born May 4, 1940, in Auglaize Co., the son of Edwin & Nellie (Mosler) Harpest, who preceded him in death. On June 2, 1962, he married Marlene D. (Schamp) Harpest, and she survives in Wapakoneta.

Other survivors include,

a son, Todd (Deb) Harpest, Seneca, SC,

2 grandsons, Joshua & Jordan Harpest,

a brother, Richard "Dick" (Arlene) Harpest, Marietta, GA,

2 brothers-in-law, Maynard (Betty) Schamp, Jr., St. Marys, OH,

Don (Sylvia-dec.) Prueter, New Knoxville, OH,

several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim retired as manager of Norandex Reynolds, Sidney. Prior to that he had worked as a draftsman, architect, and salesman at Hoge Lumber, Crouse Lumber and Anna Lumber Co. Most recently, he had worked with the City of Wapakoneta Engineering Dept. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. Jim had served as mayor of Anna, and was an EMT with the Anna Rescue Squad. He had also served on the Shelby Co. Regional Planning Board, the American Red Cross, and worked diligently and successfully to have Honda locate in Anna. He enjoyed traveling in his motor home, wood carving, playing cards, and most especially spending time with

his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Jan. 27, 2016, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. The family will receive friends after the mass at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be directed to the Community Health Professionals, 1155 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, OH 45891, or the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 309 S. Perry St., Wapakoneta.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Todd and Deb,*

We are sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. You are in our prayers.

Rodney and Debbie

Rodney Roehrle - January 28, 2016 at 07:13 AM

MM

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Jim Harpest. I was a classmate of Jim's brother, Dick. I only knew Jim by passing him in the hallways at St. Joe school but he was always nice to us 'underclassmen'. God bless him and his family.*

Mary Lynne (Burden) Mouser

Mary Lynne Mouser - January 26, 2016 at 06:32 PM

CH

“ *Marlene:*

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Unfortunately every Wednesday I have a commitment so I will be unable to attend the mass. Ed and I will be thinking of you and your family at this time.

connie hoenie - January 25, 2016 at 03:14 PM

HT

“ *Todd & Family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May your hearts feel peace.

Heather, Jesse & Austin Teegarden

Heather Teegarden - January 25, 2016 at 08:39 AM

BH

“ *My sympathy to you, Marlene. I know you have gone through a lot lately. My daughter, Barb, told me she saw you recently at Bob Evans. I still remember my old neighbors!*

*Sincerely,
Betty Henschen*

Betty Henschen - January 24, 2016 at 06:27 PM

SW

“ *Wouldn't it be great if we could turn back the hands of time? We know everyone would like more hours, more days with Jim. His kind and gentle spirit will always be a part of our memory of him. Love to Marlene, Todd, Deb, Jordan and Josh.*

~~~ Sharon and Jim Wagner

Sharon and Jim Wagner - January 24, 2016 at 06:01 PM

RP

“ *Marlene, Tod, Deb, Josh and Jordan, My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you try to make sense of all that has happened and all you are going through, and will continue to ponder in the days, weeks, and months ahead. I am so very saddened by Jim's passing.....but so glad he is no longer in pain, and that he's with his Father in Heaven. He was the finest of men, and will be forever missed by his family and friends. My love to you all.....Becky*



Rebecca Pena - January 24, 2016 at 03:41 PM

DH

“ *Marlene and Todd,*

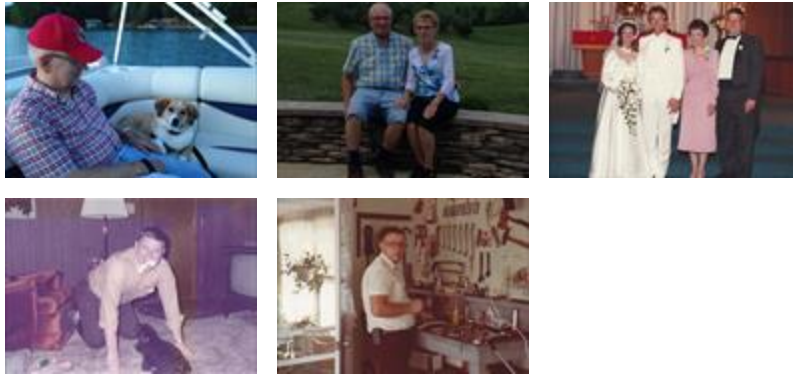
*May Jim's spirit live forever! He was a caring and thoughtful husband,
an excellent father and the best brother ever.*

Our love, Dick an Arlene

Dick Harpest - January 23, 2016 at 06:23 PM

TO

“ *9 files added to the album Memories*



Todd - January 23, 2016 at 05:00 PM

GT

“ *Marlene and Todd, I was deeply saddened by the news of Jim's
passing*

*Marlene you worked with my mother (Melba) for many years at the
Anna Bank. Those days don't seem so long ago now.*

Jim will live in your memories forever!

*Glenda Tuerck
West Palm Beach, Florida*

Glenda Tuerck - January 23, 2016 at 10:06 AM

PF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. At least he didn't have to suffer long. We'll keep you in our prayers. Melvin & Phyllis Fledderjohann

Phyllis Fledderjohann - January 23, 2016 at 09:59 AM

RP

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Marlene & Todd. We enjoyed camping with both of you and enjoyed our time together with Jim and his service to our Chapter #68 Camping Club. Sympathy to all your family. Ralph & Bev Plattner

Ralph & Bev Plattner - January 23, 2016 at 07:20 AM

GR

“ Marlene, our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear husband and our dear friend, Jim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family.
Gert and Larry

Gert & Larry Rieben - January 22, 2016 at 09:23 PM

TB

“ Todd,

Words cannot express the heartache I feel after learning of the passing your dad. I was honored and blessed to have known him and I have such fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Tony and Mary Bell

Tony Bell - January 22, 2016 at 06:59 PM