



Harold James Estelle

September 22, 1938 - August 18, 2023

Estelle, Harold James, August 18, 2023 age 84 of Howell. Loving father of Deborah (Ronald) Ruppel, Melanie Estelle, Elizabeth (Steve) Nobles and Shawn (Jon) Pippenger. Proud grandfather of Jeffrey Ruppel, Nicholas (Nathalie) Ruppel, Brittani Copley, Emily (Kyle) Cottick, Alexis Rowley and Connor Pippenger. Great grandfather of Nathalie Jane, Audrey, Caroline, Charlie Rae, Lily, Logan and Carter. Harold was born on September 22, 1938 to parents James E. and Louise L. (nee: Calhoun). He was the youngest child in the family, having two older sisters, LolaJean and Dorothy. He was raised in Parsonages as his father was a Minister with the Church of the Nazarene. They moved about every five years. In and around Grand Rapids, Durand, Sturgis, Bay City, and Kalamazoo were some of the Michigan cities where James pastored Nazarene Churches. After getting his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Western Michigan University, Harold and his family moved from Sturgis to Battle Creek, where he taught fifth grade at Lakeview Elementary School. In August of 1962 he and his family moved to Garden City where he was transferred to teach fifth grade at Marquette Elementary School. He then became Assistant Principal at Burger Jr. High School, then Principal of Harrison Intermediate School, then Douglas Elementary and then Farmington Elementary before retiring in 1996. He decided to work part time in retirement by driving a van for People's Express taking passengers to their Dr. Appointments. He did this job until 2018 when he turned 80 years old. Harold was always happy spending time with his close and many extended

family members. Visitation Tuesday, August 22nd 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Wednesday, August 23rd 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Interment Thursday, August 24th 12 PM at Oaklawn Cemetery in Sturgis, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108- 9674 or CorsoCare Hospice, 950 Corporate Office Drive Suite 150, Milford, MI 48381. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Sturgis, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 326-1300
westland@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hilltop Church of the Nazarene
21260 Haggerty Road
Northville, MI 48167

In state 10 AM

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *On the anniversary of his death, may this be a reminder to love God and others.*

Christine - August 18, 2024 at 09:33 PM

BC

“ *My grandpa was one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I hold every single man to the standard that he set for me. He was good, and kind, and lived his life with a mischievous glint in his eyes.*

I think about him daily, and I will miss his laugh while beating me at chicken the most.

Brittani Copley - March 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *Harold James Estelle*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold James Estelle.*

August 22, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 22, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 21, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold James Estelle.

August 20, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 20, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold James Estelle.

August 20, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 20, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 20, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold James Estelle.*

August 20, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *My elementary principal at Harrison School in Garden City over 50 years ago - some of my best childhood memories - many a dodgeball battle with Mr. Estelle after lunch in the gym - he was serious and scared the Hell out of me he threw the ball so hard! Loved the man big time - very nice and always nothing but class!*

Wally Krol - August 20, 2023 at 12:18 AM

DC

“ *Sending our deepest condolences, Dawn Lafferty Corey and Matthew Corey*

Dawn Lafferty Corey - August 19, 2023 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about Uncle Harold. He was always kind and fun to play games with. We are praying for you all in these difficult days.
Love
Linda & Brad Barnell*

Brad Barnell - August 19, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold James Estelle.*



August 19, 2023 at 05:53 PM