



James S. Brown

June 30, 1944 - October 20, 2015

Brown, James S. "JB" of Canton, passed away peacefully at his home on October 20, 2015, age 71. Loving father of Denise (David) Foy, Kelley (Scott) Foy, and James (Lisa) Brown; proud grandpa of David Foy, Lindsay Foy, Kayla Foy, Nicholas Foy, Natalie Foy, Kaitlyn Brown, and Emily Brown; caring brother of William (Diane) Brown, loving uncle of Kristina Wood. Jim proudly served in the US Army during Vietnam as a medic. He affectionately was given the title of Doc from the men he served with. After his military service, Jim continued on to Eastern Michigan University, where he earned his master's degree in education. His passion for teaching led him to Adams Elementary School in Ypsilanti. He retired after 30 years. He was a father figure to his former students, and would often attend their weddings and graduations. JB was an avid golfer, history enthusiast, reader, and most importantly, loved spending time with his family. The visitation will be Thursday from 2 PM until 9 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Betw. Sheldon & Beck). The funeral service will be on Friday at 10 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Disabled American Veterans, 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 1200, Detroit MI 48226, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis TN 38148. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Brown*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Gwen Guthrie lit a candle in memory of James S. Brown*



Gwen Guthrie - October 24, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *What a pleasure it was to know Jim! We were colleagues at Adams School in Ypsilanti for many years. His intelligence, sense of humor and touch of mischief were a joy to behold! His sensitivity, fun-loving spirit and unique perspective was much appreciated. We were often out on recess duty together and I loved watching him enjoy playing football with his students. We all looked forward to his annual rocket day! I would often attend high school graduations and I would see him sitting way up high sending best wishes and watching with pride as his former students were graduating.*

Jim had a real talent for writing. I laughed for days after I found a letter in my school mailbox that he wrote to the staff when he was temporarily acting as principal. It was written "tongue-in-cheek" and was so funny and told about how things would be different now and he was imposing strict rules and demands. It was hilarious!

As we celebrate Jim's life, what I will remember most is his beautiful smile, his sense of humor and the twinkle in his eyes.

Gwen Guthrie

Gwen Guthrie - October 24, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James S. Brown.*



October 22, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ *Your friends at Great Lakes Caring purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James S. Brown.*



Your friends at Great Lakes Caring - October 21, 2015 at 06:31 PM



“ *From rocket day to football out at recess to teaching history in the classroom, Mr. Brown will always be the BEST! Adams School was blessed to have him! Thanks for everything you taught me!*

Charles Scherdt

Charles Scherdt - October 21, 2015 at 02:41 PM

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I will truly miss my visits with Jim even though it was only 15 minuets a week. Jim always had the best stories and the most awesome advise. He always made me feel like I was one of his children or maybe one of his students because he would tell me his thoughts even if he knew I wouldn't want to hear it but he was right every time. I can hear his voice telling me "you know what to do and you got this kid before I would leave his house.

I have been Blessed for knowing Jim the short time I did but he will always hold a place in my heart.

Carlynda Ouillette (Jim's INR nurse) as he would call me

Carlynda - October 22, 2015 at 07:44 AM