



## James Christ Millgard

March 5, 1943 - January 15, 2020

James Christ Millgard, age 76, of Port Austin, unexpectedly passed away On Wednesday, January 15, 2020 surrounded by his loving family.

James was born March 5, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Emmanuel and Stella Millgard Borema and much loved step-dad Charles “Charlie” Borema. He married Maureen Gail Parker on July 14, 1965 in Golgatha Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Jim graduated from Calumet High School in Chicago and joined the Air Force in 1962, spending his tour of duty at the 754th Radar Squadron, Port Austin. After serving, he worked Civil Service there and during this time, he began the family business, Millgard Painting and Decorating Services, which included all his children around 1975. He retired in 2012.

He was married to Gail and was a loving father to their four children for 55 years.

Jim is survived by his wife, his love, and best friend Gail Parker Millgard of Port Austin, son Brian (Carol) Millgard of Port Austin, two daughters, Pamela (Duane) Weber of Port Austin, Sheryl Jo and the late Don Koroleski of Fillion. One sister, Lorraine and the late Bill Ross of Chicago, IL., sisters-in-law-Lori Parker of Bad Axe, Renee Pulcer of Harbor Beach, Brothers-in-law, Phil McBride, Larry Pulcer, and Owen Sommerfeld. Six grandchildren, Michael and Bradley Young, April (Rob) Ellery, Kirsten Champagne, Bryan and Jill Koroleski, and six great grandchildren, Ray, Brendan, Blake, Isabelle, Riley and Shaelyn.

Jim was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Millgard, son-in-law Donald Koroleski, sister, Arlene and the late Fred Hasler, sister-in-law, Deanna Sommerfeld, Charlen McBride, Bonnie Gottschalk and the late Ralph Gottschalk.

Jim loved his family and was loved by many nieces and nephews but held a special place in his heart for close nephew Earl Hasler and godson Jim Hasler.

He enjoyed golfing, playing around in the flower beds, board games, meatloaf sandwiches, going to the casino and really enjoyed it when he won! He had fun just “kicking back” and watching TV’s Judge Judy. He really enjoyed just lying in the sun and thanked God he did not live anywhere else but Michigan’s Thumb!

People knew Jim for his big smile and easy-going demeanor. Jim and his terrific sense of humor will always be remembered.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Christ Millgard*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathy to Aunt Gail and your family as they continue their lives without you. You will be missed. This is a perfect example of how we shouldn't let time go by without talking or visiting those close to us. RIP uncle Jim. 🥹🙏❤️*

**Beverly Steiger** - February 17, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Uncle Jim, you will be missed, although I did not see you much...loved you dearly..I will never forget you and Aunt Gail coming to town for our wedding...funny night. may you Rest in Peace. Love and Prayer for you and your family*



**Shirley Phelps** - February 17, 2020 at 07:24 PM

SK

“ Thanks for being one of my best friends & the best daddy in the whole wide world, never will forget you walking with me high on your shoulders dad with my hands around your sweet face and the sun shining down when i was about 3; I’ll never forget our walks in the woods over to the pond, painting together, laughing together, having a beer afterwork & helping mom out together at the Adult fostercare home!.. Loved your humor as you hollared out;” little girl!” In walmart!.. ( I will forever be your little girl evenwhen im 80! Thanks for the great memories!.. Don& The kids& grandkids had so much fun with you! You will always be missed and never forgotten!.. love; Sheryl Jo koroleski



sheryl jo koroleski - February 14, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JB

“ Jack & Kathie Byrne lit a candle in memory of James Christ Millgard



jack & kathie byrne - February 14, 2020 at 02:14 AM

JB

“ Gail, we are so sorry for your lose. Jim was such a nice guy! Our thoughts and prayers are with and your family! I know there’s nothing we can say to ease your pain but just knowing we care may help in some small way! May your fond memories help you through this difficult time! 🙏

jack & kathie byrne - February 14, 2020 at 02:00 AM

PB

“ *Gail, our sympathy to you and your family at the passing of Jim.  
Ron & Pauline Booms*

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**Pauline L Booms** - February 13, 2020 at 06:21 PM

LR

*I will miss Jim forever. My brother was 9 years younger then me.I never  
so this coming so fast . Love you forever.*

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**Lorraine Ross** - February 18, 2020 at 04:58 PM