



## Jimmy R. Middleton

January 7, 1942 - December 3, 2023

Jimmy R. Middleton, 81, of Bainbridge Township died Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the Methodist Hospital South Lake Campus in Merrillville, Indiana.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 PM on Monday, December 11, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with the Rev. Richard Kiser officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Watervliet Township. The visitation will be held from 2 PM to 5 PM on Sunday at the Fairplain Chapel in Benton Township. Please share words of caring or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Jimmy was born on January 7, 1942 in Tyronza, Arkansas to Ranson and Thelma Middleton. He married his wife, Mary, and together they celebrated 65 years of marriage. Jimmy was employed at Bosch for over 20 years before his retirement in 1997. He was very mechanically inclined and creative in repairing machines there at Bosch. He specialized in hydraulics. Jimmy was a longtime member of the 12 Corners General Baptist Church and was a part of their music program for many years. He farmed a lot when he was home and enjoyed raising horses. Jimmy was an avid golfer and liked to work in the garden.

His family includes his wife, Mary; his children, Keith Middleton of Watervliet, Kim (Bill) Rybarczyk of Benton Harbor and Crystal Middleton of Bainbridge

Township; his brothers and sisters, Brenda Strickland of Savannah, TN., Barb Franks of Savannah, TN., James A. Middleton of Savannah, TN., and David Middleton of KY.; his five grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Earl Middleton, in 2022.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Watervliet Twp., on Red Arrow Hwy., N. side,  
2 mi. E. of M-140.  
Watervliet, MI 49098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service Celebrating His Life

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Burial

DEC 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Cemetery

Watervliet Twp., on Red Arrow Hwy., N. side, 2 mi. E. of M-140.

Watervliet, MI 49098

# Tribute Wall

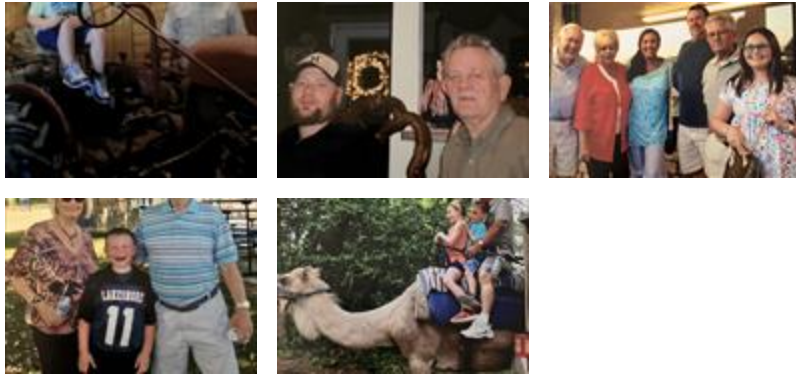
KC

“ So sorry for your family's loss, prayers to you all.

Kelly Cotman - December 15, 2023 at 07:54 AM

KR

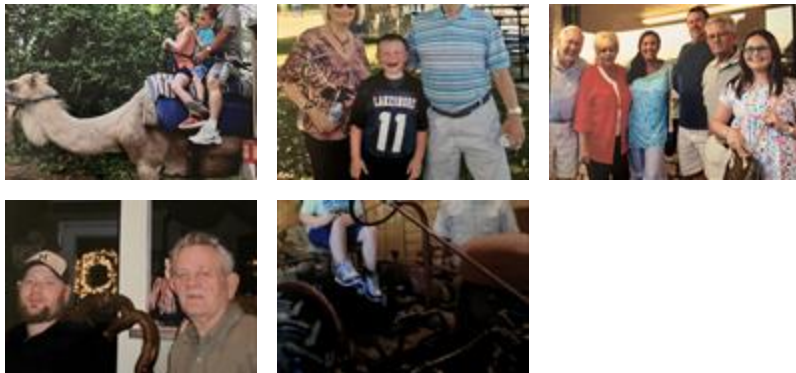
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Kimberly Rybarczyk - December 10, 2023 at 11:34 AM

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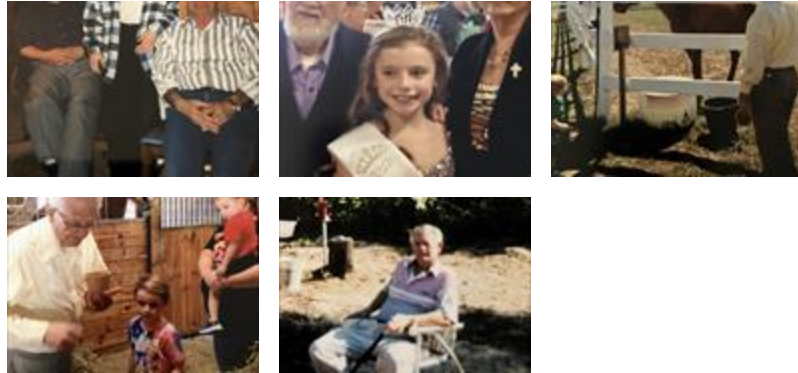
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Kimberly Rybarczyk - December 10, 2023 at 11:30 AM

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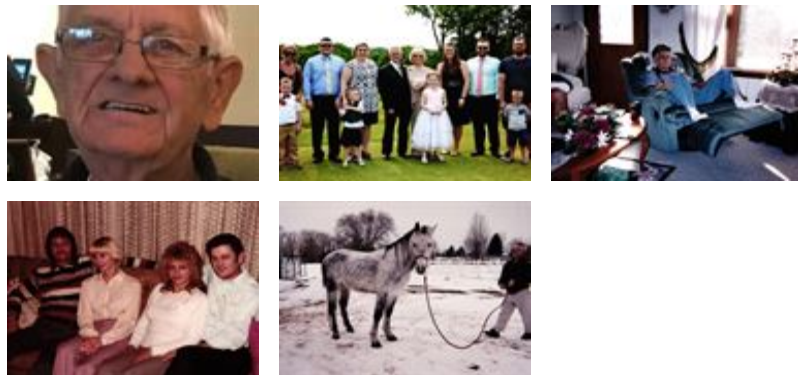
“ 26 files added to the tribute wall



Kimberly Rybarczyk - December 10, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Florin Funeral Services - December 09, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JJ

“ Joyce J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy R. Middleton.

Joyce J. - December 08, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JJ

“Joyce J. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jimmy R. Middleton.



Joyce J. - December 08, 2023 at 06:34 PM

DC

“Dave And Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Jimmy R. Middleton



Dave and Carolyn - December 08, 2023 at 04:38 PM

WC

“With Love, Dave Middleton and Carolyn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jimmy R. Middleton.



With Love, Dave Middleton and Carolyn - December 08, 2023 at 04:35 PM

VL

“Uncle Jim was always there for all the special events. He will be forever remembered.



Vicki D Lay - December 07, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JF

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to Jimmy's family.  
You have our love and prayers.* ”



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family - December 07, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JN

“ *Judy Neill lit a candle in memory of Jimmy R.  
Middleton* ”



Judy Neill - December 07, 2023 at 09:56 AM



Amanda  
Plunkett

“ *Uncle Jim will be immensely missed.* ”



Amanda Plunkett - December 07, 2023 at 08:34 AM

AP

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**Amanda J Plunkett** - December 07, 2023 at 08:28 AM

MM

“ Maxine and Tammy Middleton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmy R. Middleton.



**Maxine and Tammy Middleton** - December 06, 2023 at 09:49 AM

TM

“ My Uncle Jim was one of the best men this world had to offer! When I was a little girl, one of my precious memories was when my dad Earl bought me a pony and guess who got me the saddle.....my uncle Jim! He had it shipped to me in Missouri and when I opened the box I was amazed ! I was also very happy to see Uncle Jim and Aunt Jo (Mary), come to see my parents and I on a regular basis a few years ago. Several years in a row they came and spent time visiting and eating with us. I looked forward to each year seeing them. I treasured our visits and always will. In 2011, I had a 50th wedding anniversary party for my parents and it was a surprise party. I called Aunt Jo and Uncle Jim and told them about it and they came. When my dad seen their car pulling into the driveway that day, I will never forget it, he had tears of joy in his eyes! That was one of the happiest days for my dad! I will never forget the smile he had that day. I appreciated Uncle Jim and Aunt Jo coming to see my parents each year, because of my mother's condition, it was too hard for my Dad to travel much. I heard him say before that if mom could have traveled more, he would have been in Michigan. I love my uncle Jim so very much and I know the life he lived. I will see him in Heaven one day and I already know he had a family reunion inside those gates of Pearl the moment he passed! My Uncle is with Jesus now and multiple others, including his brother Earl! Love to you all.....Tammy Middleton

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**Tammy Middleton** - December 05, 2023 at 03:33 PM

KR

*I love this story about the saddle! Yes... I believe that they are having a beautiful family reunion! Hugs 🙏*

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**Kimberly Rybarczyk** - December 06, 2023 at 09:47 PM

TM

*Love and prayers 🙏 to my family! Tammy*

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**Tammy Middleton** - December 07, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JF

*Jim will be missed by all, he was a strong individual that always took care of his family. I am sure he will join my dad Ted and James Ray and rekindle their wonderful lives and times spent together. To Jo and Family, our hearts and prayers are with you. Knowing how difficult this is, we are so sorry not to be able to make it to the funeral. Our love and spirit will be with you. We will come up to pay our respects. Love Joyce and Family.*

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**Joyce Jackson and family** - December 08, 2023 at 06:29 PM