



## Lester "Jim" Yerington

May 15, 1945 - August 6, 2011

Eau Claire – Lester J. “Jim” Yerington 66, of Eau Claire, passed away Saturday afternoon, August 6, in Eau Claire.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11:00, A.M., on Friday, August 12, 2011 at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Services, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor, with Pastor Walter McCutcheon officiating. Burial will follow at Millburg Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 until the time of service, Friday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the family. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Jim was born on May 15, 1945, in St. Joseph. He was one of six children born to Lester J. Sr., and Helen Yerington. Jim married Ruth Ann Rule on November 17, 1962 and had one daughter, Lori. He was always involved with heavy machinery and worked for many years at Harris Trucking. He owned and operated Jim’s Café in Dowagiac. Additionally he served as a reserve officer within the Cass County Sheriff’s Department. Jim will be remembered for his great sense of humor. He never met a stranger and would go as far to give everyone he met a nick-name. Jim had a heart of gold and was always willing to “do anything for anyone.” Jim cherished his family and was particularly proud of his daughter and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; Daughter, Lori (Adam) Wade of St.

Joseph; grandchildren, Mandy and Aaron; great-granddaughter, Riley; sister Joanne Knapp of Stevensville; brothers, Donald (Jerri) Yerington of Bridgman and Gary (Brenda) Yerington of Eau Claire; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother Ronnie and by his sister, Janice.

# Cemetery Details

## Millburg Cemetery

Roslin Road  
Benton Township, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KO

“ Dear Ruth and Lori - I am so very sad to read of Jim's passing, and so sorry that you will have some years here on earth without him. But I know we will see him again! :-) I have thought of you all many times in the past 5 years. We moved to Northern MI back in '06, and lost touch with you. I didn't even know you had moved to Eau Claire. I have so many sweet memories of Jim, especially the way he took care of you, Ruth, during your recovery. I remember you coming to see me at the hospital when I had Emma, and bringing me a Mocha Freeze! (And I have many more good memories.) You and Jim were so kind and generous to our family. I miss seeing and talking with you all, and feel very blessed to have been your friend. God bless you all, and I know HE will take care of you through this time, as he has in the past. With much love - Kara O'Neil

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**Kara O'Neil** - August 18, 2011 at 07:05 PM

CA

“ Ruth and Family,,Just a note of my sadness to you all. He was a wonderful Man and many memories stay with me forever....I sure will miss him...With tears in my eyes...CARRIE



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**Carrie** - August 17, 2011 at 02:01 PM

CO

“ *Ruthie, Lori, and family,  
Our hearts are so heavy with Jim's passing. We, like so many others, have such fond and humorous memories with you two, and the nicknames...always had a nickname for everyone it seemed. His smile, his laugh, his JOKES, his teasing, his compassionate nature. God in Heaven is gonna have fun with Jim! May you know that you and the family are in our hearts and prayers as you go through this journey. Bless you. May the Lord wrap his arms around you as he welcomes Jim.*

*Your loving friends,*

*Gary and Christy Obermire  
Rio Rico, AZ*

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**Christy & Gary Obermire** - August 14, 2011 at 03:28 PM

VC

“ *Dear Ruth,  
I will always have fond memories of Jim. Hearing him say, "What's coming besides the fair" will forever put a smile on my face. I wish you and your family happy thoughts as you remember the good times with him.*

*Love,  
Vernette*

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**Vernette Chaney** - August 13, 2011 at 03:49 PM

JB

“ *Jenny & Don Burris lit a candle in memory of  
Lester "Jim" Yerington*



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**Jenny & Don Burris** - August 13, 2011 at 03:48 PM

RB

“ Jim was truly as honest caring person that I have ever known. Jim & I rode together several times when working at the Cass County Sheriff's Office. He was always willing to help at a moments notice. The world will miss Jim. I am sorry we could not make it to the service but be sure that the employees at the Cass County Sheriff's Office are thinking of Jim and family

*Richard J. Behnke*

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**Richard J. Behnke** - August 12, 2011 at 10:03 AM

JJ

“ Ruth Just Heard about Jim, were so sorry , what a great guy he was , he treated us so good and was so giving. We kinda drifted apart after you guys moved, but i would run in to him from time to time. He was always the same..lite up the room. He will be missed .Love you. John and Laurie and Samantha Jewell.

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**John Jewell** - August 11, 2011 at 09:42 PM

KW

“ Ruth and Lori it saddened my heart and Sherry's when we heard the news. I have many fond memories of Jim. We rode together at the Sheriff's Department, Rode Motorcycles together, and did many other things together. I have greatly missed both Jim and Ruth in the last few years and now will miss Jim forever. He was a great friend to me and may a friend will miss him greatly.

*Kenneth Wray and Family*

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**Kenneth Wray** - August 11, 2011 at 04:18 PM

KW

“ Kenneth Wray lit a candle in memory of Lester "Jim" Yerington



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**Kenneth Wray** - August 11, 2011 at 04:13 PM

SJ

“ I have only known Uncle Jim since last year but right from the first time that I met him, he made me feel like part of the family. He always kept me laughing with all of his stories and had such a big heart! I am honored to of had the opportunity to get to know him. Will miss you dearly Uncle Jim, love you!



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**Sarah M. Joyner** - August 11, 2011 at 03:31 PM

CW

“ We attended the same church a few years back when Ruth had a terrible auto accident. We were impressed with how loving and caring Jim was in taking care of Ruth. He really lived "in sickness and in health til death us do part".

*Cathy Womeldorf*

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**Cathy Womeldorf** - August 11, 2011 at 02:37 PM

HH

*Dear Ruth and Family,  
We just heard of Jim's passing and we send our Love and Sympathy to you and Yours!!*

*As Neighbors in Green Valley we were Blessed to get to know the "gentle Giant " of a man that he was. Anytime we needed Help we knew we could call on him and he was more than Happy to help. He called us "kids" even though we were about the same age, so that made us feel good!*

*You all will be in our prayers as you grieve and feel sadness, hope we get to see you again in GV, if not we will meet in Heaven.*

*God Bless You, Howard and Harriett Harvey*

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**Harriett Harvey** - August 13, 2011 at 02:50 PM

JR

“ *What a wonderful man. Ruth, I miss you and I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I've tried to find you both, I'm so sorry.*

*Love,  
Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Ropke** - August 11, 2011 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ *What a Great Man, Father Figure and Boss! I worked at Jims Cafe and was known as Blonde. He made me feel like family and got on my butt when needed. I'll always have fond memories. Still drinking my coffee black.*

*Love you Jim,Ruth and Lori*

*Blonde*

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**Jerri Lynn Hunter** - August 11, 2011 at 11:24 AM